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'MY PLAYER OF THE YEAR'

us... Kevin Bond... Martin O'Neill.

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knocked for
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WEST HAM

Second Round, First Leg

BURNLEY (0) 0
WEST HAM (2) 2 (Goddard 14, Cross 21)
Att: 6,818
Star Man: Trevor Brooking.

Second Round, Second Leg

WEST HAM (1) 4 (Stewart pen 34, Goddard 62, Wood og, Pike 85)
BURNLEY (0) 0
Att: 15,216
Star Man: Alan Devonshire.
*West Ham won 6-0 on aggregate.

Third Round

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson 21)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 20, 81)
Att: 16,566
Star Man: David Cross.

Fourth Round

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Martin 69, Cross 71)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Evans 63)
Att: 21,548
Star Man: Alvin Martin.

Quarter-Finals

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Cross 82)
SPURS (0) 0
Att: 36,235
Star Man: Alan Devonshire.

Semi-Final, First Leg

COVENTRY (0) 3 (Thompson 70, 89; Daly 75)
WEST HAM (2) 2 (Bonds 25, Thompson og 35) Att: 35,468
Star Man: Alan Devonshire.

Semi-Final, Second Leg

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Goddard 59, Neighbour 90)
COVENTRY (0) 0
Att: 36,511
Star Man: Trevor Brooking.
*West Ham won 4-3 on aggregate.

HOW THEY GOT THERE (statistics compiled from 'Match Facts')

LIVERPOOL

Second Round, First Leg

BRADFORD CITY (0) 1 (Campbell 78)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att: 16,232
Star Man: Graeme Souness (Liverpool).

Second Round, Second Leg

LIVERPOOL (3) 4 (Dalglish 10, 36; Kennedy R. 38; Johnson 59)
BRADFORD CITY (0) 0
Att: 21,107
Star Man: Kenny Dalglish.
*Liverpool won 4-1 on aggregate.

Third Round

LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (Lee 9, 85; Dalglish 17; Cockerill og 6; Fairclough 82)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 16,566
Star Man: Sammy Lee.

Fourth Round

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Dalglish 22; Johnson 36, 79; Souness 89)
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Kennedy A. og 34)
Att: 32,021
Star Man: Kenny Dalglish.

Quarter-Final

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Dalglish 24, McDermott 67, Johnson 83)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Bertschin 38)
Att: 30,236
Star Man: Sammy Lee.

Semi-Final, First Leg

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Kennedy R. 81)
Att: 48,045
Star Man: Ray Kennedy.

Semi-Final, Second Leg

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Dalglish 22)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Reeves 50)
Att: 46,711
Star Man: Sammy Lee.
*Liverpool won 2-1 on aggregate.

WHAT THE STARS SAY

IT'S the eve of the League Cup Final and as League Champions Liverpool and FA Cup holders West Ham prepare for the big day at Wembley, Match Weekly has been asking some of the top stars in the game who they think will be lifting the coveted trophy... see if you agree with their verdicts.

Cockney confidence will see them through

GARY SHAW (Villa)

WEST HAM are the team in form and I'm going to stick my neck out and go for them to win.

It's going to be tight, but the Londoners are on the crest of a wave at the moment and their confidence will carry them through.

I hope it's an exciting game because League Cup Finals in recent years have failed to live up to expectations.

PREDICTION: West Ham 2 Liverpool 1.



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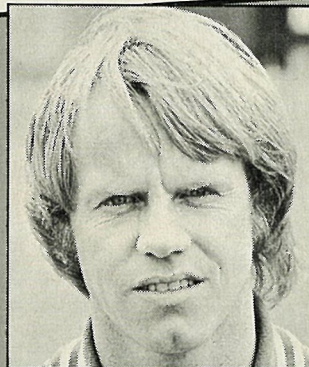
One goal in it! ARTHUR GRAHAM (Leeds)

I'M going to side with Liverpool purely because they have the experience and are a First Division team, but it's going to be a close run thing.

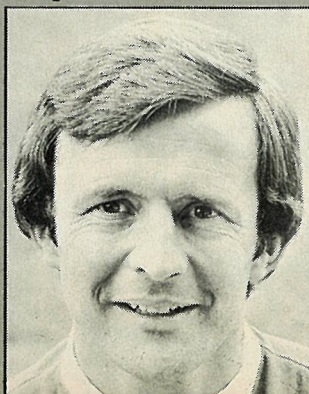
West Ham are a very well organised side and will be no push-overs, but Liverpool will be keen to show everybody that they are not slipping.

I'm taking Liverpool to win by the odd goal.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 1 West Ham 0.



● Arthur Graham, close thing



● John Hollins — goals from anywhere.

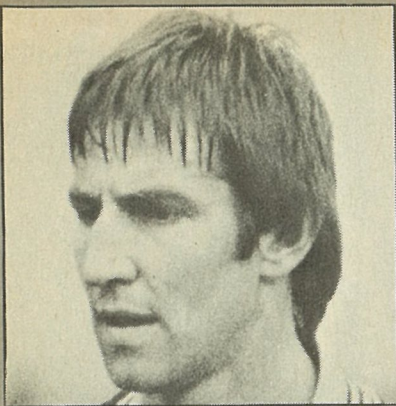
Hammers can cause an upset JOHN HOLLINS (Arsenal)

I THINK West Ham can cause the same kind of upset they did in the FA Cup Final last season.

They're so relaxed at the moment, having taken such a big lead at the top of Division Two, and they are scoring goals from almost every department.

Players like Trevor Brooking, Paul Goddard and Alan Devonshire are capable of turning any match on their own and with Liverpool not enjoying the best of form, I'm taking West Ham to win.

PREDICTION: West Ham 1 Liverpool 0.



● Chris Nicholl — pure football.

Experience the key

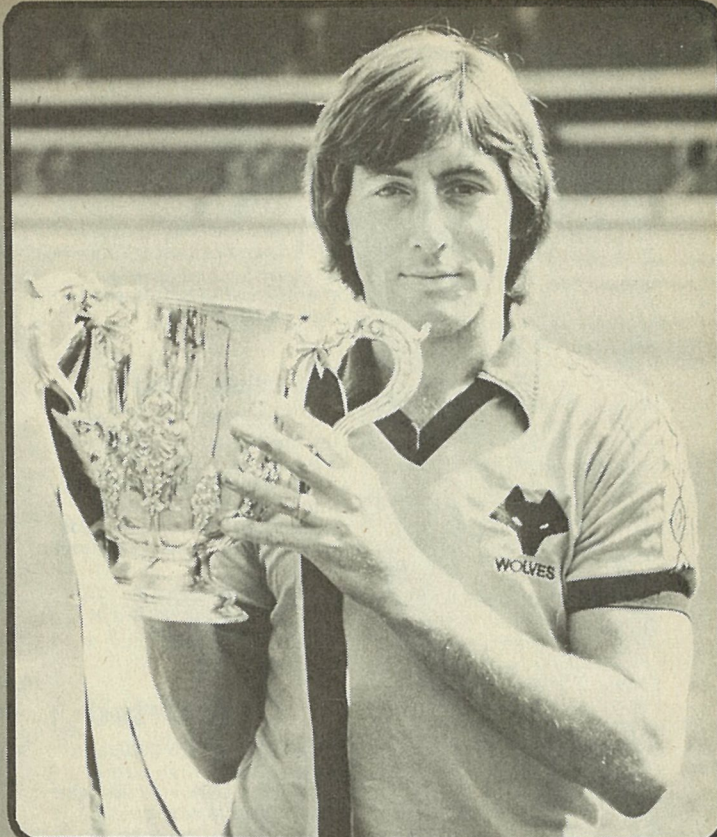
**CHRIS
NICHOLL**
(Southampton)

IT'S going to be an interesting battle between West Ham's pure football and Liverpool's professional strength.

I always enjoy watching West Ham, but I think Liverpool's greater experience of the big occasion will see them through.

Liverpool's League form of late may not have been very impressive, but that will mean nothing at Wembley where they will draw on all their resources of experience and strength.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, West Ham 0.



Five goal thriller JIM PLATT (Middlesbro')

IT'S the only domestic honour available to Liverpool this season and I can't see them letting it go.

West Ham's form has been excellent, but Liverpool are far stronger overall and the skills of players like Kenny Dalglish and Terry McDermott will swing it for them on the day.

As both teams like to attack, I'm looking forward to an entertaining, high scoring game. But I reckon Liverpool will sneak it.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 3 West Ham 2.

THE GOALPOWER SAYS

Thompson will add class

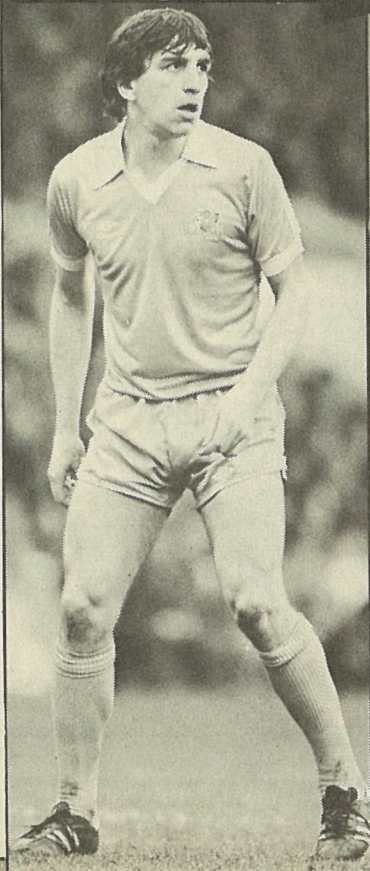
KEVIN REEVES
(Manchester City)

IF Liverpool are back to full strength then I must take them to win the League Cup for the first time.

But it's going to be important that they have their defence back to full strength because Phil Thompson is a class player.

Their experience of the big occasion should help their cause and although West Ham have some very skilful players, I'm taking a full strength Liverpool to get home.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, West Ham 1.



John Richards (Wolves)

I'M TAKING Liverpool to win the cup for the first time.

I rate both teams very highly, but I think Liverpool have more goalscoring potential in midfield with Graeme Souness and Terry McDermott and this may be the key area.

Both teams are very powerful in defence and that's why Liverpool will be keen to have skipper Phil Thompson fully fit.

West Ham's Billy Bonds and Alvin Martin are good competitors and won't allow much room for Kenny Dalglish and David Johnson.

Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire are very skilful midfield players, but they lack the scoring potential of Souness and McDermott and that's why I believe one of those two players might hit the winner.

Liverpool also have the added incentive of never having won the League Cup plus the fact they will be keen to prove to people that they are by no means finished as a major force.

Let's face it, it's not a bad season when you reach a League Cup Final and qualify for the quarter-finals of the European Cup!

PREDICTION: Liverpool 1, West Ham 0.

HERE'S HOW THEY VOTE

| PLAYER | CLUB | TIP |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| John Richards | Wolves | Liverpool |
| Arthur Graham | Leeds | Liverpool |
| John Hollins | Arsenal | West Ham |
| Kevin Reeves | Man. City | Liverpool |
| Chris Nicholl | Southampton | Liverpool |
| Jim Platt | Middlesbrough | Liverpool |
| Gary Shaw | Aston Villa | West Ham |

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Key 'keepers

SINCE the last war only two clubs have won League or Cup honours under a manager who was a goalkeeper as a player. They are Birmingham City, who with Gil Merrick as boss, collected the League Cup in 1962-63 and Leicester City who took the Second Division championship last season under Jock Wallace.

Forest fans

NOTTINGHAM Forest fans in the north-east have formed a Supporters club branch. Anyone interested in joining this or the accompanying 'Junior Reds' section for fans of 16 and under, should contact Robin Morris (chairman/secretary), Larun Beat, Yarm, Cleveland or telephone (0642) 785015.

Dedicated

THERE'S no more dedicated player around than Luton midfielder 'Lilly' Fuccilo, who has forced his way back into Luton's senior squad after twice breaking his leg.

Bedford-born Fuccilo (24) never gave up his fight and after pushing his way through months of lonely training work with weights has earned his reward as Luton bid for that elusive promotion spot.

Caribbean Stoke

STOKE players can't wait for the end of the season.

For as a reward for consolidating their place in the First Division, manager Alan Durban has come up with a dream reward for his players.

He will take them on a summer tour of the sunny islands of Barbados and Martinique.

Odd 'offs'

ODD SPOTS in this season's sending-off cases: Glenn Roeder (Q.P.R.) has been dismissed against his former club (Orient), Jonathan Clark (Derby) in his home city (Swansea), John Buchan (Cardiff), Mike Pickering (Sheffield Wednesday), Alan Sunderland (Arsenal), and Mike Trusson (Sheffield United) in the last minute, and Martin O'Neill (Norwich), Mark Dennis (Birmingham), and Alan Stevenson (Burnley) during injury time.



JANUARY'S Matchmen of the Month, the men who finished top of our ratings, line-up for our cameramen: From left to right above: Alan Devonshire (West Ham), Kenny Burns (Forest), who received his award from 'Match' assistant editor Bob Warters and Steve Galliers (Wimbledon). Below: Eamonn Bannon (Dundee United) with teammates John Holt and Willie Pettigrew.

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Warters

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Can Kenny Hammer that League Cup hoodoo?

KENNY Dalglish is hoping his League Cup hoodoo has not followed him over the border from Scotland.

When he was with Celtic he played in three successive League Cup finals for the odds-on favourites before landing a winner's medal.

That came in 1974 when Hibernian suffered a 6-3 hammering, but even then Kenny failed to make the scoresheet.

It followed Final defeats of the favourites by Partick, Hibs and Dundee and Kenny was destined to complete his Scottish club career with just that one solitary League Cup winners' medal, because Rangers and Aberdeen also beat Celtic in the 1975 and '76 finals.

But the popular Liverpool striker is not worried about a possible jinx. He says with a wry smile: "I'm not superstitious about things like that... touch wood!"

Table-topper

MANY players look for alternative sports to help them relax and I could name quite a few who are pretty useful too, like Garry Birtles (squash), Jim Platt (badminton), Alan Ball (golf), Alan Ramage (cricket).

At Leeds United manager Allan Clarke set up a table tennis tournament recently for the players with Arthur Graham taking the top prize by defeating fellow Scottish international Eddie Gray in the final.

Arthur, who received his prize bat from Dunlop's Alan Hydes, might do well to challenge Carlisle's Pop Robson, a former Durham county player!



Points of view

PLAYERS come into the Football League from all points

of the compass. Here's the proof: Joe NORTH used to be an Arsenal centre-forward, Alex SOUTH Halifax Town's half-back captain, and Keith EAST a Swindon Town striker. Now Alan WEST is a valued Luton Town performer.

WORLD CUP '82

Scrapbook

65

weeks to go

Tough on Schuster

WEST Germany's brilliant blond midfielder Bernd Schuster is having a tough time of it off the field in Spain.

The former Cologne star has had an electrifying effect on the team's performances under Helenio Herrera as they have shot to second in the league, but off the pitch he gets on badly with many of the other players.

In particular Spanish international defender Migueli with whom there have been several so-called incidents.

Cubillas may be back

TEOFILO CUBILLAS, the 1978 captain of Peru and the man who blasted Scotland out of the finals with a two-goal salvo in Cordoba, could well be back again in 1982.

Widespread fears that he would be past the veteran stage are misplaced. If he wishes to add to the 52 caps he currently holds whilst enjoying life with Fort Lauderdale he would be welcome. And he is still only 32 — not too old at the top level.

Goals galore

GIFTED Hungarian midfielder Tibor Nyilasi is on the way back after two years in the wilderness.

He was sent off in the Argentina-Hungary clash in the 1978 World Cup, given a long international ban and effectively blocked from top football for two years.

But now he is back in action and smashing in goals galore for title favourites Ferencvaros in the League and making a good claim for an international comeback.

LATEST RESULTS AND TABLES

EUROPEAN ZONE GROUP SIX

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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portugal | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Scotland | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| N. Ireland | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Israel | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Sweden | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

ASIA/OCEANIC Group 1

Indonesia, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Taiwan

Group 2

Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia

Group 3

Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia, Korea Rep

Group 4 (play-off matches)

Hong Kong 0, China 1

Korea DPR, 3, Macao 0

Singapore 0, Japan 1

Group matches

PR China 3, Macao 0

Hong Kong 1, Singapore 1

PR China 1, Japan 0

Singapore 0, Korea DPR 1

Hong Kong 2, Korea DPR 2

Japan 3, Macao 0

Semi-finals

Korea DPR 1, Japan 0

PR China 0, Hong Kong 0

(China won on penalties)

Final

Korea DPR 2, PR China 4

(after extra time)

PR China through to final play-offs against the other group winners.

My Euro target

OUR superb 4-1 UEFA Cup victory in St Etienne must open the door for Ipswich to reach a European final for the first time.

That first leg success in France against one of the top sides in Europe should make our name something to be respected and possibly feared on the Continent.

Having beaten one of the favourites, Poland's Widzew Lodz, in the previous round, and then slammed St Etienne away from home, we have got to feel confident about getting to the final at least.

It was one of the most impressive displays by an Ipswich side I can remember,



PAUL

St Etienne goalkeeper Castaneda is left stranded in the mud as Paul Mariner scores the third and his second goal in the 4-1 defeat of St Etienne.

certainly one in the same street as the 1978 FA Cup Final win over Arsenal.

Although manager Bobby Robson tried to conceal his confidence about our ability to get a result over there, former centre-half Alan Hunter, who had watched St Etienne, told us secretly that if we played as we can play then we had nothing to fear.

I must admit our hearts fluttered a little when they grabbed an early lead, but once I had headed home an Arnold Muhren cross, we controlled the match and in the end you could see their hearts wilting.

We only had six or seven clear cut chances but our finishing was brilliant and the

defensive part of our performance was absolutely outstanding.

But we're not home and dry yet. St Etienne are a very good side and if we think we can just send out the shirts for the second leg then we'll get beat.

Players like Platini, Rep and Larios are top class and we need an early goal or two in the second leg next Wednesday to kill the tie stone dead.

Looking at the other ties, it was great to see Liverpool bounce back to form in the European Cup with a cracking 5-1 victory over CSKA Sofia and their experience should see them through in Bulgaria.

And what about tiny Newport's 2-2 draw against Carl

Zeiss Jena. A goalless draw will be enough to see them to the Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals so all they have to do is keep their heads against the East Germans.

But I was desperately disappointed with West Ham's 4-1 home defeat by Dynamo Tbilisi in the Cup Winners' Cup. No matter where your allegiance lies, you always want British teams to do well in Europe, but they have a very awesome task facing them in Russia next week.

With people having been knocking the English game it will be great to get at least a couple of teams through to European finals to show that our football is not that bad after all.

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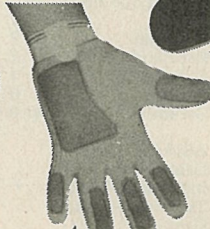
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MARINER

IPSWICH and ENGLAND

Diary of a super striker



Two-goal hero Paul Mariner (left) and defender Kevin Beattie celebrate Ipswich's 4-1 win in St Etienne.

I'M following the form book and going for Liverpool to win the League Cup.

I know from our own experience at Wembley that you can't always go with form on the big occasion, but I can't help feeling that Liverpool will put it all together on the day.

They have been going through a bad patch by their high standards and it could be that West Ham will catch them as they bounce back to top form.

West Ham's confidence must be sky-high as they run away at the top of the Second Division and there are all the signs that it could be a classic confrontation at Wembley.

I think it will be in midfield where Liverpool might carry the bigger guns with the likes of Terry McDermott and Graeme Souness.

Liverpool to win a Wembley classic

West Ham have a good blend of experienced players and young talent and it will be interesting to see how they fare against the midfield force of Liverpool.

Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire are also capable of splitting defences wide open but I just feel that Liverpool will have the edge in that very important department.

But I do feel that West Ham will be one of the most successful sides to be promoted from the Second Division for some years.

SPAIN — AN IDEAL TEST

THE VISIT of Spain to Wembley for a friendly international on March 25 should be entertaining for the England fans.

Naturally I'm hoping to be in the team from the start this time having come on as substitute for Glenn Hoddle in the 2-1 European Championship victory over them in Turin last summer.

Although Spain are in the process of rebuilding for next year's World Cup Finals, they are bound to be an attractive, skilful side who will not allow the England forwards many chances.

It should provide England with an ideal test in preparation

for the important World Cup matches against Rumania, Switzerland and Hungary, just around the corner.

Two young players who could soon be pushing themselves into the spotlight are Villa's Gary Shaw and West Ham's Paul Goddard.

Gary, who scored the only goal on his debut for the England Under-21s against Eire recently, has emerged in an impressive Villa side as a top class striker.

I haven't seen Paul Goddard play in person but from what I've seen on the TV and heard from team-mates, he looks a player to mark down for the future.

VOTE FOR A STAR

HAVE you voted for the Match Weekly 'Man of the Year' yet?

We are looking for a player who has excited you most this season and we want YOU to choose him and perhaps you will be the one to meet him and make the award.

Because that's the prize which goes to the reader picked from the total postbag — a chance to present our

Man of the Year with his coveted trophy.

Already Ipswich and Aston Villa players have earned your nomination — men like goal-scoring wonders John Wark and Gary Shaw or you might go for the artistry of Frans Thijssen or Gordon Cowans. Perhaps the unsung heroes, goalkeepers Paul Cooper or Jimmy Rimmer, deserve your vote.

For his brave comeback and cavalier style, Trevor Francis could be your man or Liverpool's ever-consistent and mercurial Kenny Dalglish and Sammy Lee.

Spurs' Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks have earned your recognition for their scoring talents as has the skill and flair of midfielders like Steve Hunt, Glenn Hoddle, Kevin Keegan, Steve McMahon and Craig Johnston.

West Ham's Trevor Brooking or Alan Devonshire will doubtless make a bid from the Second Division, as could Exeter's goal ace Tony Kellow, or Peterborough's Robbie Cooke. Then in Scotland there's Celtic's dazzling young prospect Charlie Nicholas.

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RECORD VICTORY: 10-0 v Lanerossi Vicenza, Anglo-Italian Cup, June 10, 1972.
RECORD DEFEAT: 1-10 v Small Heath, Division Two, March 2, 1901 and v Huddersfield, Division One Dec 13, 1930.



Blackpool's leading scorer this season, Colin Morris

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 58, Division Two, 1929-30, and 1967-68.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 98, Division Two, 1929-30.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Jimmy Hampson, 45, in Division Two, 1929-30.
MOST AGGREGATE LEAGUE GOALS: Jimmy Hampson, 247, 1927-38.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Jimmy Armfield, 43, England.
MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Jimmy Armfield, 568, 1952-71.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £325,000 for Mick Walsh from Everton, Aug. 1978.
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OUR FLIGHT TO SAFETY

by Canaries' new boy

MARTIN O'NEILL

NEW signing Martin O'Neill has given Norwich City fans renewed hope that the Canaries can fly to First Division safety.

The £250,000 buy from Nottingham Forest made his debut in the vital relegation battle against fellow strugglers Brighton and immediately had the fans cheering.

His influence in the Norwich midfield was the main reason for their first win in 1981 as the Canaries swept away Brighton 3-1.

But the Northern Ireland skipper, who was put on the transfer list after a disagreement with Forest manager Brian Clough, realises that his new team face an uphill battle to stay in the top flight.

"We are in a precarious position and have a daunting task ahead. It was vital we beat Brighton and it's given us a much needed boost."

At 29, Martin still feels he's got plenty to offer the First Division — that's why he's got a special clause in his contract that releases him from Carrow Road if Norwich are relegated.

"I don't want to drop into the Second Division, but that's not to say I will definitely go if we are relegated. I might get to like Norwich and decide to stay."

MARTIN O'NEILL FACT-FILE

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BIRTHDATE: March 1, 1952.
CAREER: Nottingham Forest, Norwich.
LEAGUE DEBUT: November 1971 v West Brom.
LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Nottingham Forest (257), Norwich (1).

MARTIN O'Neill turned down Norwich's first approach, but when manager Ken Brown came back to him he had no second thoughts about the move.

"The simple fact of the matter is that Norwich wanted me and Nottingham Forest didn't."

"I was surprised when Brian Clough allowed me to go. At the time Forest were on the brink of an FA Cup quarter final match against Ipswich and I would have thought he'd have needed all the experienced players he could muster."

"There are a few young lads in the Forest team now with promising futures — but that's all

they have got. They need guidance from older professionals," added Martin.

When Martin joined Forest in 1971 they were a mediocre Second Division team.

He played a major part in Clough's plans and helped them to European Cup, League Championship and League Cup glory in their meteoric rise to the top.

"The success staggered me. We only scrambled into the First Division in 1977 by finishing third yet by the end of our first season

back we'd won the Championship and the League Cup."

'Surprised Cloughie let me go'



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WEST BROM'S
striking star...

JOHN DEEHAN

FULL NAME: John Matthew Deehan.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Solihull/August 8, 1957.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11ins/12st.

MARRIED: Yes, to Linda.

CHILDREN: Two girls.

CAR: Cortina two litre.

PREVIOUS CLUB: Aston Villa.

CLUB NICKNAME: Dixie.

WORST EVER INJURY: Ripping all the joints between my ankle and toes.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Gordon Cowans

(Aston Villa). Honest on the pitch — level-headed off it.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Olton British Legion.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Allan Simonsen (Denmark) — very skilful player out of an unrecognised football nation.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks McGrain, Moore, Watson, Cooper, Ball, Keegan, Bremner, Dalglish, Best, T. Francis.

ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Vogts, Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore (England), Facchetti (Italy), Platini (France), Cruyff (Holland), Brady (Ire), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Simonsen (Denmark).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Nu Camp, Barcelona, Spain.

BEST GOAL SCORED: Volley for Aston Villa v Bristol City.

BEST GOAL SEEN: Kevin Keegan for Liverpool v Leicester at Villa Park.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Dave Watson (Southampton).

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup Final, second replay for Villa against Everton (1977).

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: League Cup Final (1977) v Everton being so boring at Wembley.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Squash, cricket and bowls.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing with my family.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Soap.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Starsky and Hutch.

FAVOURITE READING: The Sporting Life.

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Billy Joel.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Wine.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman/Penelope Keith.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.

BEST FRIEND: T. Coles (outside the game).

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Frank Upton, Aston Villa youth coach.

WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Players who fake injury in an attempt to get you booked.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England youth and Under-21 caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To secure a comfortable life for my family.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win League Championship with Albion.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Don't know yet.

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Remi

Moses (West Brom).

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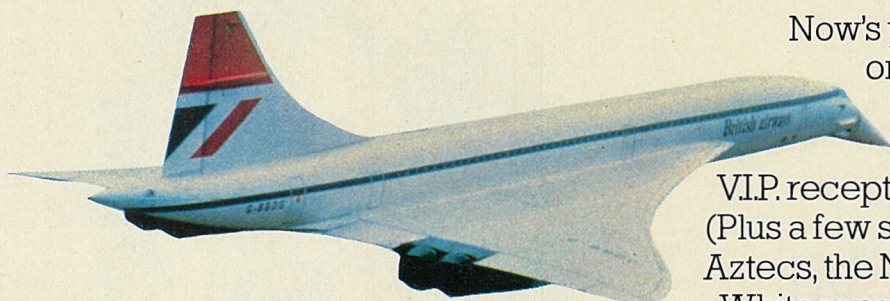
MEET: The Pope.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Watch and listen to older players; form your own ideas and never be afraid to voice your opinion.

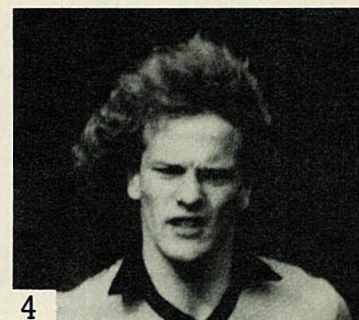
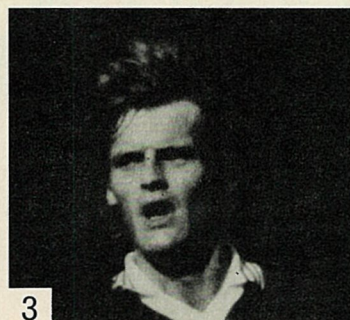
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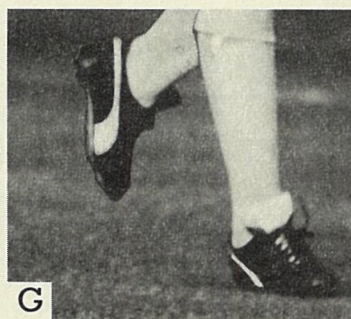
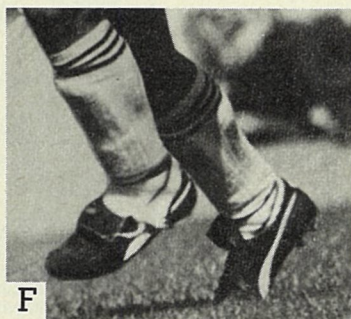
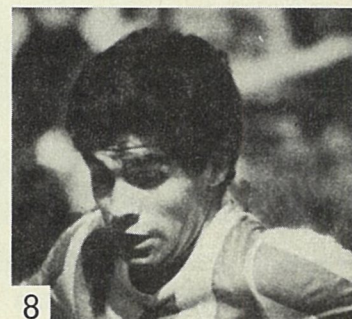
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MATCHMEN OF THE MONTH

McMahon bounces back

STEVE McMahon, Everton's brilliant teenage midfield player, is the First Division's 'Matchman of the Month' for February.

Although he spent the start of the month watching from the stands while under suspension, the England Under 21 player bounced back to star in Everton's final three matches of the month.

His average mark of 8.33 proved too good for England and Nottingham Forest striker Trevor Francis, who underlined his return to fitness with some impressive displays during the month.

In third place was Brighton's Eire defender Mark Lawrenson, a key figure in his club's battle against relegation, while Scottish striker Jim Melrose, scorer of some vital goals for Leicester, was fourth.

FIRST DIVISION

| Player | Club | Games | Ave |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|------|
| Steve McMahon | Everton | 3 | 8.33 |
| Trevor Francis | Nottm Forest | 5 | 8.00 |
| Mark Lawrenson | Brighton | 4 | 7.55 |
| Jim Melrose | Leicester | 3 | 7.66 |
| Steve Archibald | Tottenham | 5 | 7.60 |
| Paul Power | Man City | 5 | 7.60 |
| Lou Macari | Man United | 4 | 7.50 |
| Peter Fox | Stoke City | 4 | 7.50 |
| Kenny Dalglish | Liverpool | 4 | 7.50 |

Gynn's the tonic

MICK Gynn, Peterborough United's diminutive midfield dynamo, proved the outstanding player in the Fourth Division last month, picking up the star rating in all his side's four matches.

His average mark of 8.00 put him ahead of Northampton striker Keith Bowen, son of the former Wales manager Dave Bowen, and Stockport's Tommy Sword.

FOURTH DIVISION

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|---|------|
| Mick Gynn | Peterborough | 4 | 8.00 |
| Keith Bowen | Northampton | 3 | 7.66 |
| Tommy Sword | Stockport | 5 | 7.30 |
| Steve Galliers | Wimbledon | 4 | 7.50 |
| Trevor Peake | Lincoln | 4 | 7.50 |

It's Burns, again!

CELTIC'S Tommy Burns has done it again! The midfield driving force behind Celtic's bid for the Scottish Premier Division championship is 'Matchman of the Month' for the second time this season.

His mark of 7.66 put him just ahead of Dundee United trio Dave Dodds, January winner Eamonn Bannon and Jim Sturrock.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|---|------|
| Tommy Burns | Celtic | 3 | 7.66 |
| Dave Dodds | Dundee Utd | 5 | 7.60 |
| Eamonn Bannon | Dundee Utd | 5 | 7.40 |
| Jim Sturrock | Dundee Utd | 5 | 7.40 |
| Ian Redford | Rangers | 3 | 7.33 |

ANNOUNCING Match Weekly's Matchman of the Month awards for February.

The awards are made according to the marks awarded to individual players in our exclusive Match Facts section.

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Brooking heads London line-up

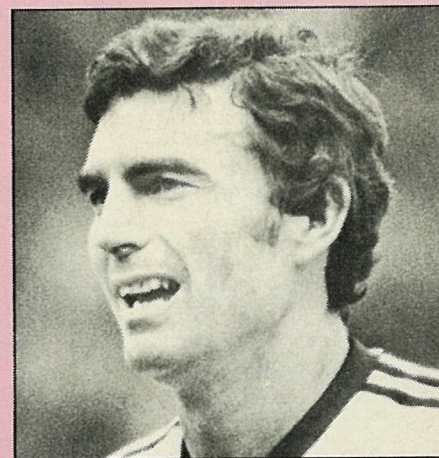
ENGLAND and West Ham star Trevor Brooking has won the Second Division award for the second time this season.

His average mark of 8.20 put him ahead of another London-based player, Orient's Stan Bowles.

In fact, players from London clubs filled four of the top five places last month, the odd one out being Derby goalkeeper Roger Jones.

SECOND DIVISION

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|---|------|
| Trevor Brooking | West Ham | 5 | 8.20 |
| Stan Bowles | Orient | 3 | 8.00 |
| Billy Bonds | West Ham | 5 | 7.80 |
| Roger Jones | Derby | 4 | 7.75 |
| Micky Droy | Chelsea | 4 | 7.75 |
| Don Masson | Notts County | 4 | 7.50 |
| Brian Kilcline | Notts County | 4 | 7.50 |
| Les Taylor | Watford | 4 | 7.50 |



West Ham's Trevor Brooking.

Fabulous Forrest

DEFENDER Gerry Forrest is obviously proving a key figure in Rotherham's promotion bid from the Third Division.

For the full back was the top player in the division last month with an average mark of 8.33.

No fewer than four players — Mike Lester (Barnsley), Mick Tait (Portsmouth), Max Thompson (Blackpool) and Bob Hatton (Sheffield United) — all finished with a mark of 8.00.

THIRD DIVISION

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------|---|------|
| Gerry Forrest | Rotherham | 3 | 8.33 |
| Mike Lester | Barnsley | 4 | 8.00 |
| Mick Tait | Portsmouth | 4 | 8.00 |
| Max Thompson | Blackpool | 4 | 8.00 |
| Bob Hatton | Sheff United | 4 | 8.00 |
| Len Bond | Exeter | 4 | 7.75 |

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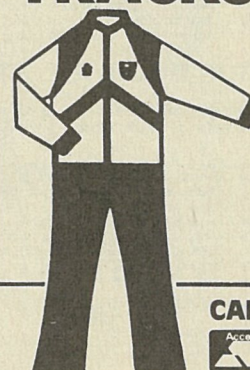


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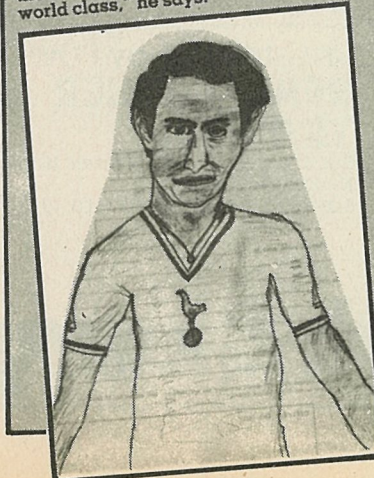
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I'll come home a better player, pledges Bond



Kevin Bond: "I don't think I have let anyone down."

Tottenham's Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles is the subject of 15-year-old David Edmonds, of Heavitree, Exeter, who admires the midfielder player's courage and commitment: "He is one of the few footballers who can be called world class," he says.



Fourteen-year-old Roslan Yusof, of Orpington, Kent, drew this picture of Manchester United striker Garry Birtles: "He has been doing well despite a shortage of goals," says Roslan.

E BACK'

WHILE Kevin Bond embarks on a new career in America with Seattle Sounders, the club he's left behind, Norwich City, is fighting for First Division survival.

Defender Kevin feels sorry about the club's plight but points out: "It's not a question of me leaving a sinking ship as many people think."

"I expressed my desire to leave the club back in October before the relegation problems so I don't think I have let anyone down."

Kevin has signed a one-year contract with Alan Hinton's Seattle side and it's expected that he will return to England next season to link up again with father John at Manchester City.

All Kevin would say on the subject was: "Let's just say I'm hoping to play in the Football League again next season."

What about his ambition to represent his country at full international level?

"I don't think my decision to play in America will harm my chances. In fact, it might well improve them," he says.

"The standard of football in America is improving all the time and it's possible the experience this summer will make me a better player."

"Seattle are one of the strongest teams in the country so I'm hoping we will reach the championship play-offs at the end of the season."

Kevin had an insight of life in Seattle before the offer came.

"I've spent a couple of holidays in Seattle with former Norwich team mate John Ryan so I know a little about the place and set-up."

"I'm really looking forward to the new challenge, but I'm also eager to make my mark on the English scene again next season."

Right: Norwich striker Justin Fashanu, is captured by 13-year-old Stuart Wood of South Cerney, near Cirencester: "He's a brilliant player who keeps up morale in the Norwich camp," he says.

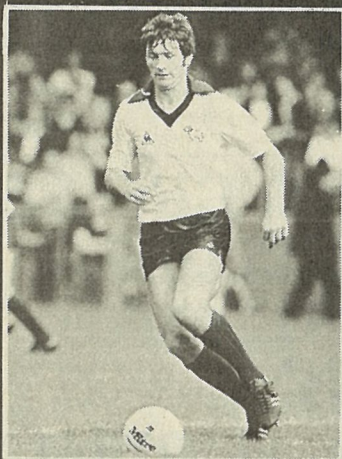
Far right: England and Southampton centre half Dave Watson is the choice of 12-year-old Brian Donnanhan, of Tuam, County Galway, Eire.

'Rocket' Rioch's on his way

FORMER Scotland skipper Bruce Rioch has almost certainly kicked his last ball in the Football League.

After a brief spell in the Fourth Division with Torquay United, 33-year-old Bruce, pictured below in his Derby days, has been re-signed by American club Seattle Sounders on a three-year contract.

Bruce spent last summer at Seattle with former Derby team mate Alan Hinton:



FORMER Norwich star Kevin Bond and ex-Scotland skipper Bruce Rioch have crossed the Atlantic to play for Seattle Sounders in the North American Soccer League... but they'll be back. Match Weekly talks to both players about their future plans.

"My family stayed in Britain last summer, but this time they are coming with me," says Bruce who has made more than 500 League appearances.

"You could say it will be the end of my playing career in this country, but I've finished by having a good time with Torquay."

The former Luton, Aston Villa, Everton and Derby midfielder player, well known for his rocket-like left foot, will probably return when his contract expires to try his hand at management.

"I'm keen to continue playing as long as possible. I will then concentrate on being a manager, but I'm not interested in becoming a player-manager," explains Bruce who led Scotland in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

Torquay were struggling when Bruce joined them in November following summer discussions in America with the club's consultant manager Frank O'Farrell.

In the 14 League matches he played, Torquay lost only three to move into mid-table security, so the influence of his midfield leadership will be sorely missed by the West Country club.

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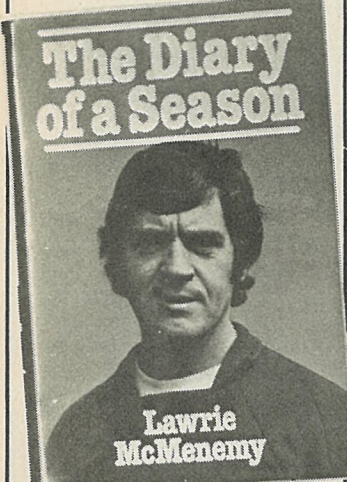
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4. Who is currently the youngest manager in the English Football League?


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8. To which Fourth Division club has Jimmy Greenhoff moved?

SOLUTION

ANSWERS: 1. Mossley (who beat Crewe), 2. Ian Bowyer, 3. St Etienne, 4. Alan Buckley of Walsall, 5. Dennis Tueart, Man City v Notts County, 6. Dundee United, 7. Mick Harford of Lincoln, 8. Crewe.




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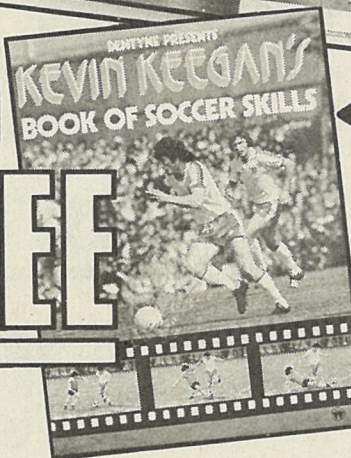
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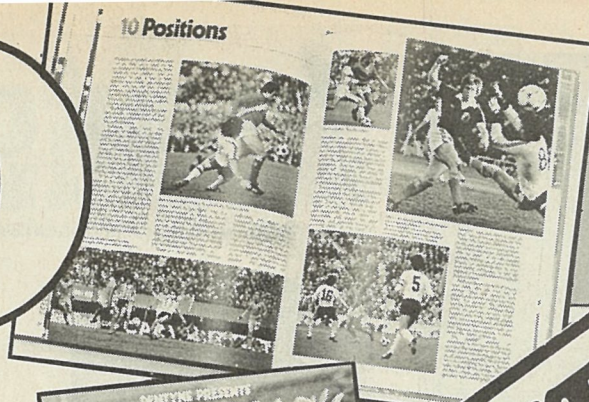
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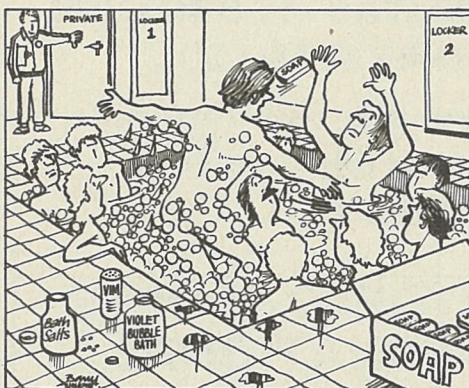
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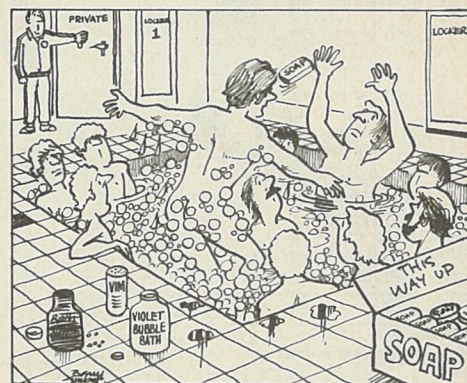
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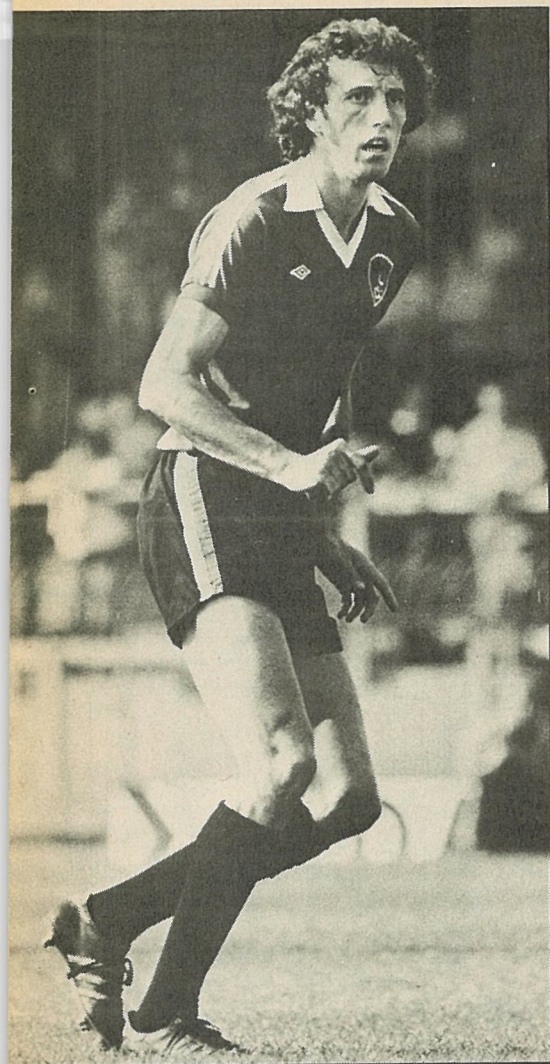
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**'IT WAS MY BROTHER
THEY WANTED',
recalls Sunderland's
new capture Tom
Ritchie.**

AS a youngster, Sunderland's new signing Tom Ritchie was used to seeing football scouts knocking on his door.

But they weren't interested in his skills — they wanted to sign his younger brother Steve!

"In fact, I think the only reason Bristol City invited me down for a trial was to keep my brother company," said Tom.

But the long trip down from their home in Edinburgh proved worthwhile — for the two brothers were both offered apprenticeships by Bristol.

Tom went on to make more than 300 League appearances for the West Country club before his £200,000 move to Sunderland in January.

Steve also made a career in the game and played for Morton, Hereford, Aberdeen and Torquay.

"We were playing together in the Stirlingshire League when the scouts spotted us," said Tom.

Despite having to leave home and cross the border, there was no chance of the brothers becoming homesick: "It was like a big adventure and we loved it," said Tom.

The pair played in Bristol's successful youth team and it wasn't long before Tom's goals brought him in line for a run in the first team.



Above: Ian Bowyer — Sunderland's buy from Nottingham Forest this season.

Far left: Tom Ritchie — signed for Sunderland after 11 years with Bristol City.

His big day came early in the 1972-73 season, during City's Second Division home clash with Mansfield. At the end of the season he finished with 27 full appearances and four goals to his credit.

"It was a big wrench to leave Bristol after 11 years, but I'm looking forward to helping keep Sunderland in the First Division.

"I had no second thoughts when the move was suggested — it has given me another crack at the First Division and that's where I want to play," added Tom.

The Scottish striker turned midfield star is Sunderland manager Ken Knighton's second big buy of the season. He recently splashed out £275,000 to bring Ian Bowyer from Nottingham Forest.

"The people of Sunderland live for football and I'm looking forward to the challenge here," added Tom.

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NEIGHBOUR KNOCKS THE FINAL NAIL IN COVENTRY'S COFFIN

Jimmy Neighbour (West Ham) v Coventry, League Cup semi-final, second leg, at Upton Park, February 10, 1981.

WINGER Jimmy Neighbour became the West Ham hero with his last gasp winner against Coventry which took the Second Division leaders through to the League Cup Final.

With the thrilling semi-final, second leg, looking destined for extra time, Jimmy, who was only in the team due to the absence of Pat Hollands, struck one of the most decisive goals of his career.

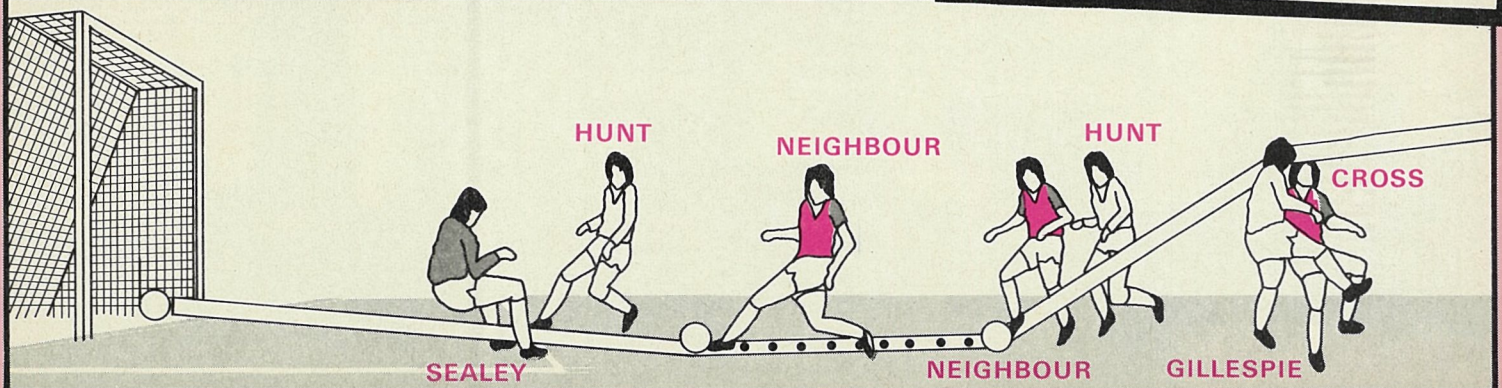
This is how he saw the dramatic moment: "Frank Lampard crossed the ball to the edge of the Coventry penalty area and I started a run into the box.

"David Cross and Coventry's Gary Gillespie challenged for the ball and it was not clear at the time who made the final touch.

"But the ball dropped kindly into my path.

"In fact, I mis-hit the shot as goalkeeper Les Sealey came off his line. If I had hit it cleanly he might well have saved it."

GOLDEN GOAL





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Back Row (from left to right): Stuart Pearson, Paul Brush, Ray Stewart, Billy Bonds, Phil Bond, Brian Evans, Nicky Morgan, David Cross, Elvin Martin, Trevor

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Front Row: Frank Lampard, Bobby Barnes, Paul Allen, Pat Holland, Jimmy Neighbour, Alan Devonshire, Geoff Pike, Paul Goddard.

WEST HAM

PHIL PARKES

Most expensive goalkeeper in the world; cost £500,000 from Q.P.R. two years ago.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Since he joined West Ham they've lost their vulnerability at the back. Great reflexes for a big man.'

MATCH RATING: 6.97.

RAY STEWART

Scottish Under-21 international signed from Dundee (£400,000) last season.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Loves to get into scoring positions. Good, sound, defender with a terrific shot.'

MATCH RATING: 6.61.

BILLY BONDS

Made over 600 appearances for the club and led them to three previous finals. Cost West Ham £50,000 in 1967.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Major influence who leads by example. His spirit and enthusiasm make people forget he can play a bit too.'

MATCH RATING: 7.07.

ALVIN MARTIN

England Youth international. Joined West Ham as an apprentice in 1974.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'He really impressed me when we played them. Good on the ground and in the air.'

MATCH RATING: 6.81.

FRANK LAMPARD

Longest serving player. Signed as apprentice 17 years ago. Capped twice by England.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Playing as well as ever this season. He loves to go forward. Great passer of the ball.'

MATCH RATING: 6.55.



PAUL BRUSH

Limited first team appearances. Signed apprentice forms for West Ham in 1974.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Didn't play against us, but looks dependable player to have around.'

MATCH RATING: 6.33.

GEOFF PIKE

Signed as apprentice 1973 and made swift progress to reach the first team by 1976.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Unsung hero of the side. Does the fetching and carrying and his hard work allows Brooking and Devonshire to express themselves.'

MATCH RATING: 6.69.

TREVOR BROOKING

One of West Ham's all-time greats. Capped more than 30 times for England.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Enjoying one of his best seasons and scoring goals. Has the same influence on the side as Souness has for Liverpool. Deceptive.'

MATCH RATING: 7.58.

Above: West Ham skipper Billy Bonds. 'He leads by example with spirit and enthusiasm' says Lacy.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Snapped up from non-league Southall (£50,000) in 1976. England international.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Plays wide on the left and is very dangerous when he cuts infield. Runs well with the ball and passes well.'

MATCH RATING: 7.73.

JIMMY NEIGHBOUR

Scored the winner against Coventry in the semi-final. Picked up a League Cup winners medal with Spurs in 1971.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Talented right-sided player. Loves to take people on and has a powerful shot in both feet.'

MATCH RATING: 6.47.

John Lacy's

The Spurs' star gives you his form guide to the final

DAVID CROSS

Was in the Norwich side beaten in the League Cup Final in 1976. Consistent striker who's also played for Rochdale, Coventry and West Brom.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Having his best ever season. His great strength is in the air but people underestimate his ability on the ground.'

MATCH RATING: 6.87.

PAUL GODDARD

Signed this season from Q.P.R. (£800,000). Has struck up a deadly partnership with Cross.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Fitted in quickly since his move. Very good at receiving the ball and full of running.'

MATCH RATING: 7.00.

LIVERPOOL

RAY CLEMENCE

Rejected by Notts Co. as teenager. Signed from Scunthorpe (£20,000) 1967.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'England's keeper and that says it all. Played at all levels and knows exactly what to do on these occasions.'

MATCH RATING: 6.66.

PHIL NEAL

England regular. Joined Liverpool from Northampton (£65,000), 1974.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Vastly experienced player and very dangerous on the overlap.'

MATCH RATING: 6.62.

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WEMBLEY VERDICT

HERE is our exclusive spy dossier on the men who will compete in Saturday's League Cup Final.

Spurs' stalwart defender John Lacy — who has faced both West Ham and Liverpool this season — gives his own fascinating verdict on each player.

And we have worked out a special "form rating" for each individual — each player's rating being an average of the marks he has been awarded in our weekly 'Match Facts' section over the season so far.

AVI COHEN

Regular Israeli international. Signed from Tel Aviv last season.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'From what I've seen he looks very confident and composed.'

MATCH RATING: 6.44.

PHIL THOMPSON

Liverpool-born, former Anfield apprentice. Signed pro. terms 1971. England international.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Everything a centre-half should be and a big influence on the team.'

MATCH RATING: 6.96.

ALAN HANSEN

Scottish international signed from Partick (£100,000), May, 1977.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'My favourite at Liverpool. Does things you don't expect, very good on the ball, so dangerous coming forward.'

MATCH RATING: 6.91.

ALAN KENNEDY

Sunderland-born player who made 158 appearances for Newcastle before joining Liverpool (£300,000), August, 1978.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Combines well with Ray Kennedy on left flank. Very strong, loves to go forward.'

MATCH RATING: 6.70.

SAMMY LEE

Burst on to the scene this season to take over from Jimmy Case. Liverpool lad who joined the club as an apprentice.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Typical Liverpool player — a hard worker who always gives 100 per cent.'

MATCH RATING: 7.16.

GRAEME SOUNESS

Scottish international bought from Middlesbrough five years ago (£325,000).

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Pulls the strings and makes the team tick. Reads the game well and a great passer.'

MATCH RATING: 7.12.

TERRY McDERMOTT

Began his career at Bury, but made his name with Newcastle before joining Liverpool in 1974. England international.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Very difficult to play against. He's hard to pick up and makes deep runs from midfield. His spectacular goals are legend.'

MATCH RATING: 7.00.

RAY KENNEDY

Member of Arsenal's double winning side. Joined Liverpool, 1974 (£180,000). England international.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'A player's player. Does his job without frills. An important cog in the Liverpool machine.'

MATCH RATING: 6.79.



Above: Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson. 'Everything a centre-half should be,' says John Lacy.

JIMMY CASE

Former England Under-23 international. Substitute most of this season.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Would walk into most sides. At his most dangerous on the edge of the box when he unleashes one of his "specials".'

MATCH RATING: 6.65.

KENNY DALGLISH

Joined Liverpool for a club record £450,000 from Celtic, July, 1977. Has made a record 78 appearances for Scotland.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'Liverpool aren't quite the same when he's not playing. Has all the skills and is great at holding and shielding the ball.'

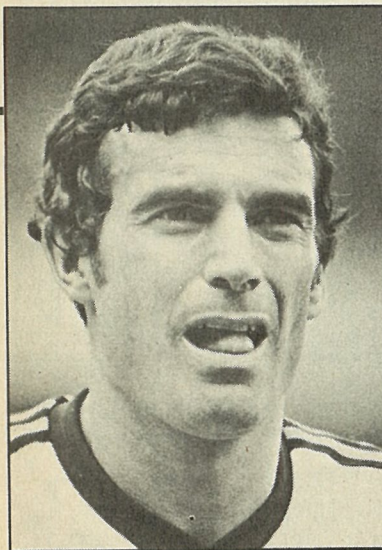
MATCH RATING: 7.31.

DAVID JOHNSON

Liverpudlian and England international. Joined Liverpool for £200,000, August, 1976.

LACY'S VERDICT: 'The perfect foil for Dalglish. Improved greatly in the last couple of seasons. Quick and sharp in the box.'

MATCH RATING: 6.50.



Above: 'Hammers' midfielder Trevor Brooking.

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GOING UP!

SPOTLIGHT
ON DIVISIONS THREE
AND FOUR... WITH
MELVYN BECK

AT THE end of the season Hartlepool manager Billy Horner could have one thing in common with the outrageous Nottingham Forest chief Brian Clough.

That is to achieve promotion with the North East club who have had to seek re-election to the Football League on a record nine occasions.

The only time Hartlepool were promoted to the Third Division was back in 1969 when Clough was starting out on his managerial career.

They survived only one season and since then have struggled in the depths of the Fourth Division.

But times may be changing according to midfielder star Bobby Kerr, the former Sunderland cup hero:

"The lads are confident that we'll get promoted and if we do then I think we will hold our own

BOBBY KERR BIDS FOR GLORY AGAIN

in the Third," says Bobby, a former 'Matchman of the Month'.

"I had one season with Blackpool in the Third Division and quite honestly I've not found much difference in the Fourth, except that the ball is in the air more often.

"If anything we play too much football for our own good at times, so I don't think we will look out of place in the Third Division.

"We might need two or three players to strengthen the side although we've got plenty of good young players coming through.

"So if we don't make it this time, I'm sure we will in the very near future."

Bobby, skipper of Sunderland's

FA Cup winning side in 1973, was told when he returned to the North East this season that Hartlepool would go up.

"After finishing 19th last season it took some swallowing, but the manager looks as though he could be proved right.

"We've had a couple of setbacks recently mainly because the goals have dried up, and scoring has been our main strength this season.

"But we are still there and, apart from Southend, the other teams are certainly no better than us.

"If we could get promotion it would certainly be a bonus for me at the back end of my career."



Hartlepool's Bobby Kerr with the Match weekly Fourth Division Matchman of the Month award he won in October.

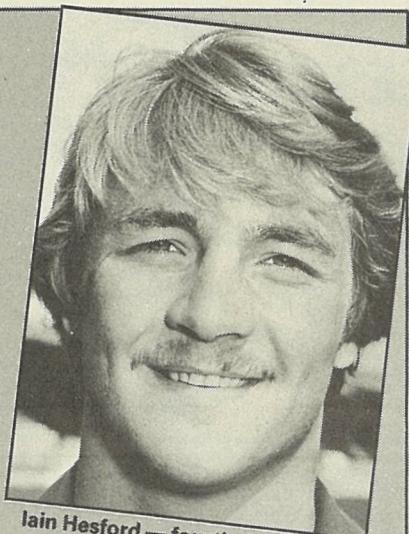
Hesford's a hit with Sexton

IT WAS a case of fourth time lucky for Blackpool goalkeeper Iain Hesford when he received a late call-up for the England Under-21 squad.

Although Blackpool are struggling near the foot of the Third Division with one of the worst defensive records in the Football League, England Under-21 boss Dave Sexton remained faithful to Iain when Brighton's Perry Digweed was withdrawn because of club commitments.

With Leeds' John Lukic the first choice, Iain obviously felt it was going to be another night on the substitute's bench — as in his three previous squad appearances.

But this time he was given his first cap as a second-half substitute in the 1-0 victory over Eire at Anfield and he produced several fine saves to underline his potential. In fact, England's newest international was actually born in Kenya, but moved to this country as a youngster and joined Blackpool from school.



Iain Hesford — fourth time lucky.

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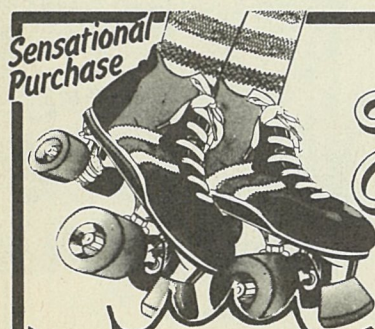
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Steve Hunt — fully justified his decision to join Coventry.

ARCHIE Gemmill, Tony Morley and Mark Lawrenson are established First Division stars, but they have one other thing in common.

All three used to play for Third Division Preston North End and are included in a team of former

Ray's a laugh!

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WHAT a joke Liverpool's Ray Clemence is! The goal he conceded against West Brom was laughable.

Bryan Robson made him look like a puppet with some strings missing as he slotted the ball through his legs. And he let the same thing happen against Brighton when Gordon Smith scored.

How he can be classed as international calibre after performances like that amazes me.

Of Clemence and Shilton, I know who I'd want to be England's regular goalkeeper! Paul Flanagan (13), Thornton Heath, Surrey.

● TAKE an early bath! Even the best have an off-day. The way the Liverpool defence is playing at the moment Clemence has done very well to keep the opposition scores in single figures!

EXILES XI

players put together by David Lund of Tarleton, Preston.

His side is: Jim Blyth (Coventry), John McMahon (Crewe), Gary Williams (Brighton), Archie Gemmill (Birmingham), John Bird (Hartlepool), Mark Lawrenson (Brighton), Howard Kendall (Blackburn), Eric Potts (Burnley), Mike Robinson (Brighton), Mike Elwiss (Crystal Palace), Tony Morley (Aston Villa).

OUTRAGED!

KEMP NOT KELLOW

I'm outraged by the claim of Stephen Howes in 'Match' that Exeter's Tony Kellow would make his mark in the First Division.

What rubbish! He's not even a proven goalscorer. He's only really come good this season and it's only because of Exeter's FA Cup exploits that he has become well-known.

Give me Plymouth's David

Kemp — now he's a prolific goalscorer! Jon Treharne (14), Lawrence Weston, Bristol.

● TONY'S been scoring goals all his career. You're booked for trying to take credit away from him for his fine achievements this season. Prolific goalscorers like him are rare — he deserves a crack at the big-time.

NEWCASTLE are struggling to survive in the Second Division this season.

While their first team is finding life difficult it's good to see that their reserves are highly placed in the Central League.

I've got a bit of advice to their new manager Arthur Cox — give your reserves a chance to prove themselves in Division Two.

Chris Cowen (Sunderland fan), East Herrington, Sunderland.
● A Sunderland supporter offering advice to arch-rivals Newcastle — you must be joking. My advice to Arthur Cox is to take no notice of you! You're booked.

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Give reserves a chance

Great, Garry!

CONGRATULATIONS Garry Brooke! You did a marvellous stand-in job for Osvaldo Ardiles.

Everyone thought Spurs would suffer when their Argentinian international went off to play in the World Cup winners' tournament in Uruguay.

But the youngster proved to be up to the test and showed what a bright prospect he is. Well done!

Stephen Williams (11), Borden, Sittingbourne, Kent.

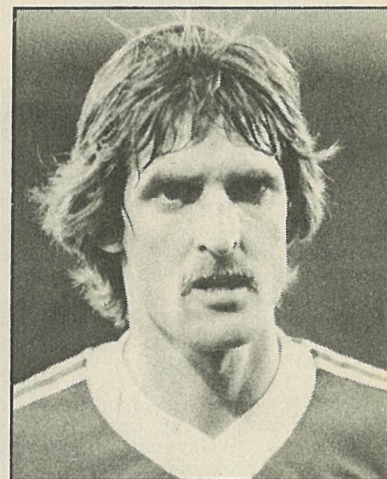
United pair too similar

GARRY BIRTLES and Joe Jordan are too much alike in styles to be a successful partnership for Manchester United.

When Garry was at Nottingham Forest he relied heavily on the skills of Tony Woodcock (now Cologne) and Trevor Francis to set up chances for him.

That's why he's not scoring any goals — one in 20 matches is hardly £1m man form.

Manager Dave Sexton looked to be spending money for the sake of it. A. Thomas (15), Shrewsbury.



Don't ignore

HOLLAND have just included Frans Thijssen in their national squad, but how can they ignore the skills of his Ipswich team-mate Arnold Muhren.

Since the last European Championships the Dutch have suffered some terrible results — yet these two don't figure regularly.

If they are to have any chance of qualifying for the World Cup Finals in Spain next year they must regularly include these two World class stars. Ian McKay, Ayr, Scotland.

Right: Ipswich midfielder star Frans Thijssen — Holland needs players of his class.

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I'M Anthony Hawk swell and I'm in charge of the 'Outraged' column.

I'll stand no nonsense . . . any back-chat and I'll send you off! I'll be giving marching orders to the writer of the most outrageous letter of the week and booking others who make me really angry.

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My players of the year

JOHN WARK and Gary Shaw . . . those are two names to watch for when the Professional Footballers' Association awards are announced on Sunday.

Ipswich midfielder John must be one of the favourites for the 'Player of the Year' award — if only for the amazing number of goals he has scored this season.

Of course he's playing in a good side which always helps, but so far he's had one of those seasons when everything has gone right for him.

As for Gary he must be fancied to take the 'Young Player of the Year' honour.

Again he's been fortunate enough to play in a team enjoying a successful season, but that's in no small way due to his own alertness and finishing skill.

And the nice thing is that's he's not gone around shouting his mouth off.

Of course there are other candidates for the awards — like Ipswich Town's Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren, West Ham and England's Trevor Brooking and Spurs' striker Steve Archibald.

It should be a good night and I'm looking forward to it.

Left: John Wark of Ipswich — one of the favourites to take the PFA 'Player of the Year' award.

Tough times at United

HOW times have changed since the last time we travelled to face Aston Villa . . . United's opponents on Saturday.

Last season we went there as League leaders and beat them 3-0.

Their players were under pressure and Villa manager Ron Saunders was really battling to keep his job.

I remember travelling with John Deehan (now with West Brom) to join up with the England Under-21 squad after the match.

We were listening to the local radio station in the car and the Villa team was really coming in for some stick.

The same can be applied to Ipswich Town — the team we face at Old Trafford a week later on March 21.

When they came to our place last season they were bottom of the First Division!

While we are out of the running for domestic honours, Aston Villa and Ipswich are now leading the chase for the League Championship.

Pressure

It's United who have been getting the stick this season and our own boss Dave Sexton has been under pressure from the Press and public.

Let me just say that the players are 100 per cent behind the boss and in our next two matches we'll be out to prove there's no lack of ability in the United side.

They will both be very tough games however.

Villa have improved so much as a team this season and they support each other so well.

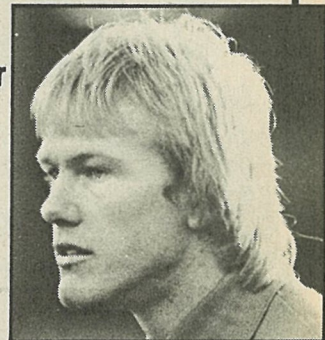
Dennis Mortimer has played a marvellous captain's role for them.

By now you will know whether Ipswich are still in the FA Cup. If they are and they do progress all the way to Wembley, whilst retaining an interest in the UEFA Cup, Villa may just sneak the title.

However if Ipswich are knocked out of both, or even just one Cup competition, I fancy they'll be lifting the League trophy at the end of the season.

GARY BAILEY

Manchester United's popular England goalkeeper writes for Match



SORRY, HAMMERS

WEST HAM have done well this season and they've played some lovely football, but I believe they will come out second best to Liverpool in Saturday's League Cup Final at Wembley.

West Ham are an attacking side and for that reason I fancy them to score, but I'm going for a 3-1 Liverpool win.

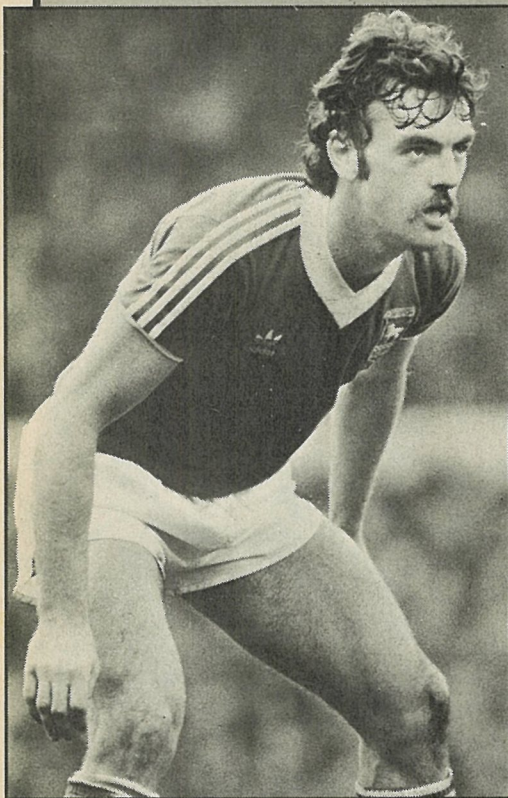


UNITED'S players make a heck of a lot of personal appearances at supporters club functions during the season and my most recent such excursion took me to Guernsey.

Around 200 United fans turned up on the evening and I was able to spend a couple of days on the island.

Needless to say it wasn't exactly holiday weather . . . it rained most of the time.

Gary Bailey



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February 21
(Top places)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| West Ham | 31 | 20 | 7 | 4 | 60 | 25 | 47 |
| Notts Co | 30 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 35 | 28 | 39 |
| Chelsea | 31 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 44 | 30 | 35 |
| GRIMSBY | 31 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 35 | 26 | 35 |
| Blackburn | 30 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 33 | 25 | 35 |

November 29
(bottom places)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| GRIMSBY | 19 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 17 |
| Watford | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 22 | 27 | 15 |
| Oldham | 20 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 20 | 15 |
| Bristol C | 20 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 15 | 28 | 13 |
| Bristol R | 20 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 16 | 32 | 11 |

***The two tables above clearly show Grimsby's dramatic rise up the Second Division table — from 18th to 4th in the space of three months!**

GRIMSBY TOWN v Liverpool . . . in the First Division.

Just two years ago that would have seemed an impossible dream with the 'Mariners' in the Fourth Division.

But promotion in successive seasons and a remarkable run of success since Christmas has inched that dream closer to reality.

So close in fact that their dynamic skipper Joe Waters believes they can bring top flight soccer back to Blundell Park after a break of 20 years.

After hovering around the relegation zone, Grimsby zoomed into the promotion reckoning by taking 13 points from a possible 16 between Boxing Day and February 21, and Joe says:

"We have played most of the top teams and I don't think they are any better than us.

"In fact, apart from West Ham, it's a pretty mediocre division. Apart from the top five or six, the other teams are no better than the leading sides in Division Three.

"People are saying that the club is not ready for the First Division and that we would be better off having a good run in Division Two.

"Obviously there are doubts as to whether the team could survive in the top flight, but then people had fears about us in the Third and Second Divisions.

"The big thing is that we play as a team. We've got no star names — just a desire to work for each other and that's bringing results."

Eire international Joe reckons the reason for Grimsby's sudden surge up the table has been the rediscovery of the goal touch.

"Early in the season we lost the habit of winning and scoring.

Even when we were relegated to the Fourth Division we were scoring goals.

"Players like Bob Cumming, Kevin Drinkell, Tony Ford and myself were all getting goals regularly last season, but suddenly the source dried up.

"But now we seem to have got back to our old ways and the goals are going in."

**SKIPPER JOE WATERS
SAYS GRIMSBY CAN
ACHIEVE 'MISSION
IMPOSSIBLE' . . .**

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**FROM FOURTH TO
FIRST IN 3 SEASONS**

RIGHT: Grimsby skipper Joe Waters: "We've played most of the top teams and I don't think they are any better than us."

The Moore connection

IF GRIMSBY make it to the First Division then the family link will be maintained for brothers Kevin and David Moore.

Their father Roy and uncle Norman both played First Division football with the club back in the late forties and early

Left: Kevin Moore — keeping it in the family at Grimsby.

fifties.

Says Kevin, recently converted from full back to his father's position of central defender: "It would be great if we could follow dad's footsteps back into the First Division.

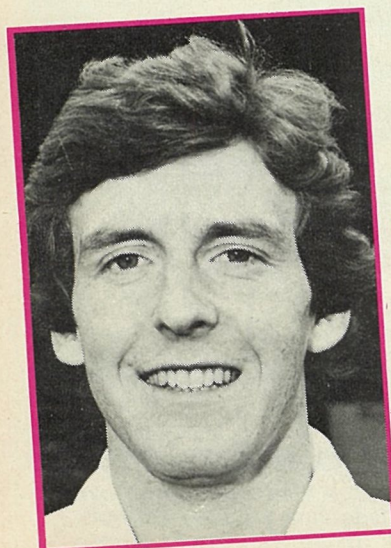
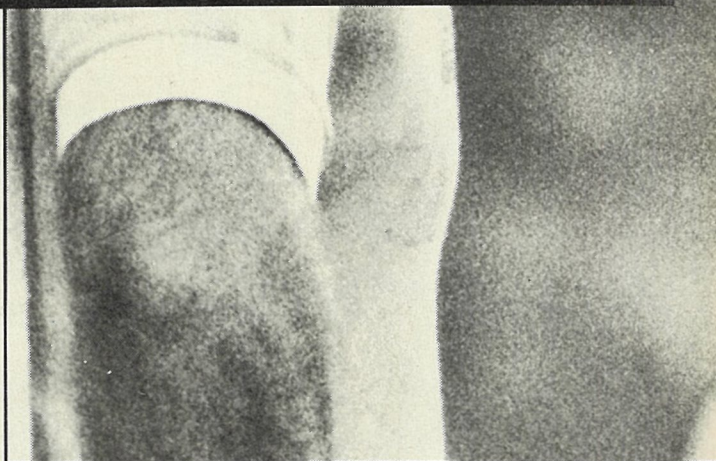
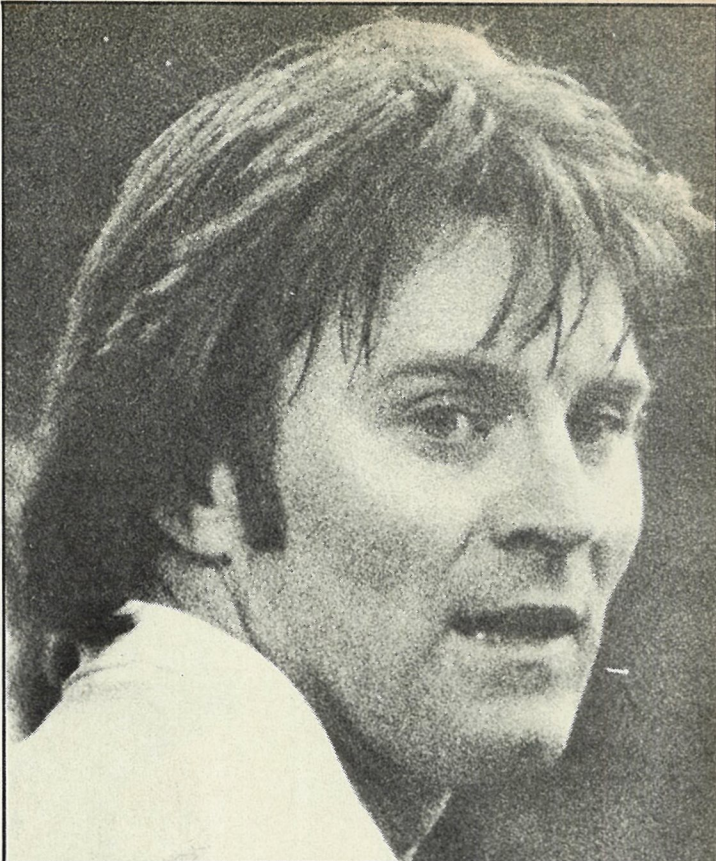
"I used to watch Grimsby as a youngster and dreamed of one day playing for them in the First

Division. Now that could come true this season.

"There's no doubt that whoever goes up with West Ham will struggle, but it will be nice just to get there.

"And there's no reason why we shouldn't make it. We're as good as the other promotion candidates."

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KENNY WAS SO DELIGHTED & CONFUSED THAT AFTERWARDS HE WALKED ON TO THE RANGERS TEAM COACH BY MISTAKE.

BUT NO ONE REALISED THAT THE MEDAL HE GAVE TO HIS BABY SON WAS TO BE THE LAST HE WOULD WIN FOR CELTIC.



NEXT WEEK

LIVERPOOL GET THEIR MAN.

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BAMMY GIBBON

TACKLE A STAR

A feeling I can't explain

WHAT have been the most memorable and most disappointing moments of your career? Alan Bond, Chingford, Essex.

ALVIN: The most memorable has to be May last year when we won the FA Cup.

I can't explain the feeling when I heard the final whistle blow and I knew we'd won the Cup by beating one of the best teams in the country.

We were underdogs against Arsenal and to pull off a result like that was fantastic.

My biggest disappointment was a couple of years ago when I made my comeback after a lengthy back injury in a game against Wrexham.

I had a nightmare game — I couldn't do a thing right, gave away a silly goal and then conceded a needless penalty when I tipped the ball over the bar.

It was a crucial game for us and we needed to win. In the end we lost 4-3. I was very young then and it took me some time to recover from that experience.

ALVIN MARTIN

My Liverpool heroes

HOW did you get into football and which team did you support as a youngster? John Reynolds, Barnet, Herts.

ALVIN: Living in Bootle I was a keen Liverpool fan and used to watch them regularly from the Kop end. John Toshack (now manager at Swansea) and Kevin Keegan (now skipper at Southampton) were my heroes.

I was discovered at 14 playing for Netherton Boys, Bootle. I didn't know it at the time but the person in charge of the side was a scout for a couple of teams.

He introduced me to then West Ham manager Ron Greenwood, who made a big impression on me.

There was a chance of me going to Everton, but in the end it was the 'Hammers' who offered me apprentice terms.

Hammers can be great

WHAT are your hopes and ambitions for the future? Bob Stewart, Letchworth, Herts.

ALVIN: I want to see West Ham go up to the First Division as champions and become a force in the top flight.

I don't want us to just stay there. We have the ability and experience to become one of the top sides in the country — in the Liverpool and Ipswich mould.

Obviously every player wants to represent his country. I don't think about my chances too much. I just know that if West Ham keep playing well and my form is consistent then I stand a chance.

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HOW do you see the Second Division promotion race and which teams have impressed you most this season? Peter Durban, Eltham, London.

ALVIN: It's much the same as last year, Peter, except this season there's a clear leader. Any one of about five teams still stand a chance of going up.

We've got to keep going and make sure we don't slacken. We desperately want to go up to the First Division as champions.

The Division's probably not as strong as it was; it seemed more difficult to pick up points last season.

But we're a better side this year and the signing of Paul Goddard has added a new dimension to our play.

The teams that have impressed me are the ones that have beaten us, particularly QPR. The capture of goalkeeper John Burridge, full-back Terry Fenwick and Mike Flanagan from Crystal Palace seems to have made a big difference. But they've still got quite a lot of ground to make up.

SO CONFIDENT

DO YOU think it's dangerous to be involved in too many cup competitions? Simon Davies, Brighton, Sussex.

ALVIN: Our cup exploits this season haven't had a bad effect on our League form — in fact the reverse is true.

Results are going well for us and confidence at Upton Park is high. That makes you look forward to the next game.

There's no danger of us getting tired before the season ends. We would have felt the effects of fatigue before now.

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Player ratings

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9 — Outstanding
8 — Excellent
7 — Good
6 — Adequate
5 — Off form
4 — Poor

Match rating

- ★★★★★ A classic
★★★★ Good value
★★★ Satisfactory
★★ Dull
★ Waste of money

Sunday, March 1

Division Two

ORIENT (0) 0
LUTON (0) 0
Att: 8,074
Orient: ★DAY 8, Fisher 6, Roffey 7, Taylor, T 6, Gray 6, Moores 6, Chiedozie 6, Bowles 7, Jennings 7, Margerison 6, Taylor, P 5.
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 7, Donaghy 7, Grealish 7, Saxby 6 (sub. Antic 7), Price 6, Hill 7, ★STEIN 8, Ingram 7, Fuccillo 7, Moss 6.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (South Devon)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

WALSALL (1) 1 (Smith 41)
FULHAM (2) 2 (Beck 33, Peters 42)
Att: 4,958
Walsall: ★GREEN 8, Harrison 6, Caswell 7, Serella 6, Baines 5, Hart 4 (sub. Preece 6), Penn 6, O'Kelly 6, Smith 6, Buckley 5, Waddington, P 6.
Fulham: Stannard 6, Lock 6, Strong 6, ★BECK 8, Brown 6, Gale 6, Davies 6 (sub. Day), Peters 7, O'Driscoll 7, Wilson 6, Lewington 6.
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Fell 46, Sermanni 53)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Powell 38)
Att: 2,484
Torquay: ★O'KEEFE 8, Jones 6, Pethard 6, Coffill 6, Hayes 6, Wilson 6, Fell 6, Bowker 6, Cox 6, Sermanni 7, Weston 6.
Tranmere: Johnson 6, ★MATHIAS 8, Flood 6, Bramhall 7, Parry 6, Evans 7, Powell 6, Mungall 5 (sub. Hamilton 6), Kelly 6, Kerr 5, Griffiths 6.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, March 3

Division One

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Burns 82)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Att: 19,690
Nottn Forest: Shilton 6, Anderson 6, Gray, F 7, Gray, S 6, ★BURNS 8, Gunn 7, Mills 6 (sub. Ponte), Wallace 6, Francis 7, Walsh 6, Robertson 7.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 6, ★BAILEY 8, Hedley 6, Angus 6, Nattrass 7, Blackburn 6, Proctor 6, Shearer 6, Jankovic 6 (sub. McDonald), Armstrong 6.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Miller 14, Chamberlain, M 24)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Partridge 66,

Cammack 70)
Att: 2,277
Port Vale: Lloyd 7, Brissett 7, Bromage 6, Beech 6, Bowles 6, Sproson 6, Miller 7, Armstrong 7, Woolfall 7 (sub. Higgins), ★CHAMBERLAIN, M 8, Bennett 7.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Davy 6, Pilling 6, Grimes 7, ★BOXALL 8, Oates 7, O'Berg 6, Cammack 7, Partridge 6, Pugh 6 (sub. Ashworth 6), Stewart 7.
Referee: J. Worrall (Workington)
Match Rating: ★★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att: 1,538
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 6, Flood 7, Bramhall 7, Parry 6, Evans 5, Powell 6, ★HAMILTON 8, Kerr 7, Kelly 5, Griffiths 6.
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Thompson, T 6, Keeley 6, Hughes 6, Peake 7, ★THOMPSON, S 8, Neal 6, Turner 6, Hobson 6, Cunningham 5, Shipley 6.
Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)
Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, March 4

European Champions Cup Quarter Finals, First Leg

LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (Souness 15, 51, 78, Lee 44, McDermott 61)
CSKA SOFIA (Bulgaria) (0) 1 (Yonchev 57)
Att: 37,255
Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 7, Thompson 6 (sub. Irwin 6), Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 7, Dalgligh 7, Lee 7, Heighway 7, McDermott 7, ★SOUNESS 8.
CSKA: Velinov 6, Zafirov 6, Dmitrov 6, Rangelov 6, Iliev 5 (sub. Dmitrov, G 6), Yonchev 7, Kerimov 7 (sub. Uristov 6), ★DJEVISOV 8, Markov 6, Velkov 7.
Referee: R. Wurtz (France)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany) (0) 2 (Jan Zon, Breitner)
BANIK OSTRAVA (Czechoslovakia) (0) 0
Att: 18,000

SPARTAK MOSCOW (Russia) (0) 0
REAL MADRID (Spain) (0) 0
Att: 60,000 (At Tbilisi)

INTER MILAN (Italy) (1) 1 (Caso)
RED STAR, BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) (0) 1 (Repcich)

European Cup Winners' Cup Quarter Finals, First Leg

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Cross 54)
DINAMO TBILISI (Russia) (2) 4 (Chivadze 25, Gutsaev 32, Shengelia 55, 68)
Att: 34,957

West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, ★BONDS 8, Martin 6, Devonshire 5 (sub. Allen 6), Neighbour 6, Goddard 6, Cross 6, Brooking 6, Pike 6.
Tbilisi: Otari 7, Gabelia 7, Kostava 7, Chivadze 8, Khinchagashvili 7, Mudzhiri 7, Daraselia 7, Sulakvelidze 7, Tavadze 7, Gutsaev 8, ★KIPPIANI 10, Shengelia 8.
Referee: A. Garrido (Portugal)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARL ZEISS JENA (E. Germany) (1) 2 (Raab 22, 89)
NEWPORT (Wales) (1) 2 (Tynan 39, 90)
Att: 18,000

FORTUNA DUSSELDORF (W. Germany) (2) 2 (Wenzel, Dunsend)
BENFICA (Portugal) (1) 2 (Carlos Manuel, Umberto)
Att: 35,000

SLAVIA SOFIA (Bulgaria) 3 (Tsvetkov 2 (1 pen), Arievo)
FEYENOORD (Holland) 2 (Nielsen, Vermoylen)

UEFA Cup Quarter Finals, First Leg

ST ETIENNE (France) (1) 1 (Rep 16)
IPSWICH (England) (1) 4 (Mariner 28, 58, Muhren 47, Wark 77)
Att: 42,000

AZ '67 ALKMAAR (Holland) (2) 2 (Tol, Welzel)
LOKEREN (Belgium) (0) 0
Att: 12,000

GRASSHOPPERS (Switzerland) (0) 0
SOCHAUX (France) (0) 0
Att: 17,000

STANDARD LIEGE (Belgium) (0) 0
COLOGNE (W. Germany) (0) 0
Att: 30,000

Welsh Cup Quarter Final

HEREFORD (1) 5 (Spiring 2, White, Shower, McGrellis)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0

Division Two

CARDIFF (0) 0
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
Att: 7,002
Cardiff: Grotier 8, Jones 7, Gilbert 7, Grapes 7, Pontin 7, Thomas 8, Lewis 7, Kitchen 7, Stevens 6, ★RONSON 9, Buchanan 6.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Williamson 6, Grant 6, Smith 7, Shirliff 7, ★STERLAND 8, Mirocevic 7, Taylor 7, Leman 7, McCulloch 6, King 7 (sub. Curran 6).
Referee: E. Read (Chippenharn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 0
Att: 4,534
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Gardner 6, Pashley 6, Sbragia 6, Thompson 7, Ashurst 6, ★MC EWAN 8, Brockbank 6 (sub. Entwistle 6), Harrison 6, Morris 6, Hockaday 7.
Millwall: Jackson 7, Anderson 6, Roberts 6, Chatterton 6, ★KITCHENER 8, Sittin 6, Kinsella 6, Mehmet 7, Massey 6, Bartley 7, Hayes 7.
Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BRADFORD (1) 2 (Gallagher 23, Jackson 47)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Gray 48)
Att: 2,369
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 6, Wood 6, Ingham 6, Jackson 7, ★THOMPSON 8, Chapman 6, Staniforth 6, Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Gallagher 7.
Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 6, Yates 6, Hadley 6, Moody 7, Cusack 7, Gray 7, ★POUNTNEY 8, Spence 6, Mercer 6, Otulakowski 7.
Referee: G. Flint (Kirkby)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke 84)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Cork 86)
Att: 3,201
Peterborough: Waugh 6, Winters 6, Robson 7, Gynn 7, Slack 6, Smith 6, Quow 6, Kellock 6 (sub. Cliss), ★COOKE 8, Hodgson 6, Gallagher 6.
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Jones 6, Armstrong 6, Galliers 7, Smith 6, ★CUNNINGHAM 8, Ketteridge 6, Hodges 6, Leslie 7, Cork 7, Downes 6.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Richardson 35, Stark 50)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Flood 46)
Att: 3,649
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Beckett 6, McCormack 7, ★RICHARDSON 8, Fulton 7, Copland 6, McDougall 6, Stark 7, Somner 5, Abercrombie 6, Weir 7.
Airdrie: Gardiner 7, Erwin 6, Rodger 6, ★WALKER 8, March 7, McClusky 7, Flood 7, Clark 7, Anderson, N 6, Gordon 6, McKeown 7.
Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
FALKIRK (1) 1 (Smith 12)
Att: 989

HAMILTON (0) 0
AYR (0) 0
Att: 500

Second Division

ALLOA (0) 1 (Clark, og 52)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (2) 3 (Robertson 6, 36, pen 89)
Att: 900
ARBROATH (0) 0
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Duncan 75)
Att: 534
CLYDE (0) 1 (Miller 65)
QUEENS PARK (0) 1 (MacFarlane 88)
Att: 700

Friday, March 6

Division Two

SWANSEA (1) 3 (James, R 8, James, L, pen 65, Stevenson 67)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (McNeil 38)
Att: 12,103
Swansea: Stewart 6, Evans 6, Hadziabdic 7, Lewis 6, Charles 6, Stevenson 6, Craig 7, James, R 7, Curtis 6 (sub. Robinson 6), ★JAMES, L 8, Mahoney 7.
Wrexham: Davies 6, Dowman 6, ★DWYER 7, Jones 5, Cegielski 6, Carrodus 6, Fox 6, Sutton 5, Vinter 6, McNeil 6, Cartwright 6.
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Partridge, pen 76)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Mooney 38)
Att: 2,392
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 6, ★PILLING 8, Grimes 7, Boxall 6, Oates 6, O'Berg 7, Cammack 7, Partridge 6, Ashworth 6 (sub. Green), Stewart 6.
Bournemouth: ★ALLEN 8, Impey 7, Butler 6, Smith 7, Compton 6, Heffernan 6, Spackman 7, Morgan 6, Mooney 7, Whittle 7, Ferns 6.
Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Sunley 15)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Phillips 30, Cooke 75)
Att: 1,945
Stockport: Lawson 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Fowler 6, Thorpe 7, ★SWORD 8, Leigh 7, Sunley 5, Bradd 7, Galvin 6, Coyle 5.
Northampton: Poole 7, Saxby 6, Sandercock 6, Farmer 7, ★SAUNDERS 8, Denyer 5, Carlton 6, Williams 5 (sub. Heeley), Phillips 7, Sandy 6, Cooke 6.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Match FACTS

ALL THE LATEST MATCH DETAILS

Match FACTS

Saturday, March 7

FA Cup Sixth Round

EVERTON (1) 2 (Eastoe 42, Ross 48)
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Gow 45, Power 84)

Att: 52,791
Everton: McDonagh 6, Gidman 6, Ratcliffe 6, Wright 7, Lyons 6, Ross 7, McMahon 6, Eastoe 6, Varadi 6, ★HARTFORD 8, O'Keefe 6 (sub. Stanley).

Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Power 6, Caton 6, Tueart 6, ★GOW 8, Mackenzie 7, Hutchison 5, Reeves 6.

Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)

Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Ratcliffe (Everton)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 3 (Francis 24, Walsh 41, Robertson, pen 51)

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Mariner 14, Anderson, og 23, Thijssen 83)
Att: 34,796

Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 5 (sub. Ponte 7), Gunn 7, Burns 7, Gray, F 8, Mills, G 8, Gray, S 7, Walsh 7, Wallace 7, ★FRANCIS 9, Robertson 7.

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Mills 6, Osman 7, Butcher 6, McCall 6 (sub. O'Callaghan 7), Thijssen 7, Gates 6, Wark 6, Muhren 6, Mariner 7, ★BRAZIL 8.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Cochrane 28)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Gray 8)

Att: 36,382
Middlesbrough: ★PLATT 9, Nattrass 7, Bailey 7, Johnston 7, Ashcroft 6, McAndrew 7, Cochrane 7, Proctor 8, Hodgson 7, Jankovic 5 (sub. Shearer), Armstrong 7.

Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 8, Parkin 7, Clarke 7 (sub. Bell), McAlle 7, ★BERRY 9, Hibbitt 7, Carr 7, Gray 8, Richards 8, Eves 7. Referee: R. Challis (Tonbridge)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Roberts, G 62, Miller 74)

EXETER (0) 0

Att: 40,629
Spurs: Daines 7, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Roberts, G 6, Mazzon 7, ★PERRYMAN 8, Ardiles 7, Archibald 6, Galvin 6, Hoddle 7.

Crooks 7.
Exeter: ★BOND 8, Rogers, M 6, Sparrow 6, Forbes 6, Roberts, L 6, Roberts, P 7, Pearson 7 (sub. Pratt 6), Rogers, P 6, Kellow 7, Delve 6, Hatch 7.
Referee: N. Midgeley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division One

BRIGHTON (2) 4 (Robinson 19, 84, Stille 27, Smith 85)

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Bannister 31)

Att: 14,063
Brighton: Digweed 5, Williams 6, Stevens 7, Horton 8, Foster 8, Lawrenson 7, ★MCNAB 9, Stille 8, Robinson 8, Smith 7, Vessey 7 (sub. Ryan).

Coventry: Sealey 6, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, ★BLAIR 8, Dyson 7, Gillespie 6, Bodak 6, Daly 6, Thompson 6, English 7, Bannister 7.

Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Williams 44)

ARSENAL (0) 0

Att: 20,198
Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 7, Friar 6, Peake 7, May 7, O'Neill 7, Byrne 6, Melrose 7 (sub. Ramsey 7), Young 7, ★WILSON 8, MacDonald 6.

Arsenal: Jennings 7, ★DEVINE 8, Sansom 7, Talbot 6, O'Leary 6, Young 6, Hollins 6 (sub. Price 6), Sunderland 6, Stapleton 7, Gitting 6, Rix 6.

Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirkby)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Keegan 4)

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

Att: 22,698
Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 7, Holmes 6, Ball 5, Watson 6, Nicholl, C 6, Keegan 7, Channon 5, George 6, Moran, S 7, ★BAKER 8.

Man Utd: Bailey 5, Nicholl, J 6, Albiston 7, ★WILKINS 8, Moran, K 5, Buchan 6, Coppell 7, Birtles 6, Jordan 6, Macari 6, McLroy 6.

Referee: M. Taylor (Kent)

Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Hinnigan 68)

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Evans 2, Mortimer 19)

Att: 27,278
Sunderland: ★SIDALL 9, Hinnigan 7, Bolton 6, Hindmarch 7, Elliott 7, Rowell 6, Arnott 6, Bowyer 6 (sub. Cooke 7), Ritchie 7, Chisholm 6, Cummins 8.
Aston Villa: ★RIMMER 9, Swain 7, Williams 6, Evans 7, McNaught 7 (sub. Gibson), Mortimer 8, Bremner 7, Shaw 6, Withe 7, Cowans 7, Morley 7.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WEST BROM (0) 1 (Robson 89)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0

Att: 15,599

WBA: Godden 7, ★BATSON 8 (sub. Mills), Statham 7, Moses 6, Wile 6, Bennett 7, Robson 6, Brown, A 5, Deehan 5, Owen 6, Barnes 6.

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 6, Banfield 6, Nicholas 7, Boyle 7, ★GILBERT 8, Lovell 6, Brooks 6, Sealy 6, Walsh 6, Hilaire 5.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BRISTOL CITY v GRIMSBY — Match Postponed

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (O'Neill 49)

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 3 (Randall 45, Williams, D 46, Penny 76)

Att: 4,060

Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 7, Murray 5, Smith 6, Fallon 7, ★FINNEY 8, Streete 5, Spriggs 6, O'Neill 6, Lyons 7, Gibbins 6.

Bristol Rovers: McAllister 6, Jones 6, ★GILLIES 8, McCaffery 6, Hughes 6, Emmanuel 7, Penny 7, Williams, G 6, Randall 7, Mabbutt 6, Williams, G 6.

Referee: M. J. Bidmead (Chessington)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Walker 18, Mayes 53)

BOLTON (0) 0

Att: 12,948

Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 7, Rofe 7, Bumstead 7, Droy 7, Chivers 7, Britton 6 (sub. Driver 6), ★FILLERY 8, Mayes 7, Walker 7, Rhoades-Brown 7.

Bolton: Poole 6, Graham 6 (sub. Hoggan 6), McElhinney 5, Cantello 6, Walsh 6, Brennan 6, Nikolic 7, ★WHATMORE 8, Reid 6, Kidd 6, Gowing 6.

Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0

LUTON (1) 1 (Stein 37)

Att: 8,075

Notts County: ★AVRAMOVIC 9, Benjamin 6, O'Brien 6, Kelly 6, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, McCulloch 5, Masson 7, Christie 5 (sub. Harkouk 6), Hunt 6, Hooks 5.

Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 6, Donaghy 6, ★GREALISH 8, Saxby 6, Price 7, Hill 6, Stein 6, White 5, Antic 6, Moss 7.

Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

PRESTON (3) 3 (Taylor, T, og 11, Doyle 24, McGee 34)

ORIENT (0) 0

Att: 5,448

Preston: Litchfield 7, Westwell 8, Burns 6, Bell 7, Baxter 7, ★ANDERSON 9, Doyle 8, Coleman 6, Bruce 7, McGee 7, Naughton 6.

Orient: Day 7, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, Taylor, T 6, Gray 7, Moores 6, ★CHIEDOZIE 8, Bowles 4, Jennings 5, Margerrison 5 (sub. Mayo 5), Taylor, P 7.

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Sending Off: Bowles (Orient)

QPR (0) 1 (Francis 60)

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Speight 79)

Att: 9,513

QPR: Burridge 7, Shanks 7, Gillard 7, Fenwick 6, Wicks 7, Roeder 7, Flanagan 7, ★FRANCIS 8, Stainrod 7, Currie 7 (sub. Langley 6), Silkman 6.

Blackburn: Arnold 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Kendall 7, ★KEELEY 8, Fazackerley 6, Brotherton 6, Busby 7, Lowey 7, Burke 7, Speight 7.

Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)

Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

DERBY (0) 0

Att: 28,301

Sheff Wed: ★BOLDER 9, Blackhall 8, Grant 7, Smith 8, Shirliff 7, Sterland 6, Mirocevic 8, Taylor 7, King 6, McCulloch 7, Curran 6.

Derby: Jones 7, Emery 6 (sub. Emson 6), Buckley 7, Sheridan 7, ★McFARLAND 9, Ramage 7, Reid 6, Hector 8, Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 7, Clayton 7.

Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Keay, pen 79, King 85)

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Palmer 72, Wylde 76)

Att: 4,191

Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, King 5, Leonard 5 (sub. Dungworth), Turner 5, Griffin 6, Keay 6, ★TONG 7, Atkins 5, Bates 5, Biggins 5, Cross 6.

Oldham: Platt 6, Edwards 5, Blair 6, Keegan 6, Clements 6, ★HURST 7, Wylde 6, Fletcher 6, Steel 6, Palmer 5, Atkinson 5.

Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)

Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Cross 3)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

Att: 26,274

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Allen 7 (sub. Pearson 6), Neighbour 7, Goddard 7, Cross 7, ★BROOKING 8, Pike 7.

Newcastle: Carr 6, Brownlie 6, Davies 6, Martin 6, Barton 6, Halliday 6, Shoulder 7, ★TREWICK 8, Harford 6, Wharton 7, Waddle 6 (sub. Carney).

Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

WATFORD (2) 4 (Poskett 36, 69, Blissett 45, Pritchett 60)

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Kitchen 21, Jones 53)

Att: 10,014

Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Pritchett 7, Taylor 7, Finn 7, Bolton 7, Ward 6, ★BLISSETT 8, Armstrong 7, Jackett 6, Poskett 7.

Cardiff: Grotier 6, Jones 7, Gilbert 5, Grapes 7, Pontin 6, Thomas 6, Lewis 7, Kitchen 7, Stevens 6, ★ARONSON 8, Buchanan 6.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BURNLEY (2) 3 (Hamilton 9, Dobson 27, pen 73)

FULHAM (0) 0

Att: 5,465

Burnley: Stevenson 8, Laws 7, ★HOLT 9, Overson 6, Phelan 7, Dobson 6, Young 8, Robertson 7, Hamilton 8, Scott 6, Cavener 5 (sub. Potts 6).

Fulham: Stannard 5, Day 6, Strong 6, Beck 7, ★BROWN 8, Gale 6, Davies 7, Peters 5, O'Driscoll 5 (sub. Tempest), Wilson 6, Lewington 6.

Referee: D. Owen (Cheshire)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Green, og 14)

WALSALL (0) 1 (Hart 71)

Att: 4,485

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Collins 6 (sub. Watson), Coady 6, Hamilton 7, ★HOUGHTON 8, Parker 7, Coughlin 7, Haigh 6, Robson 7, Beardsley 7, Staniforth 7.

Walsall: Green 7, ★HARRISON 8, Mower 6, Horne 6, Serella 7, Hart 7, Penn 6 (sub. O'Kelly), Preece 6, Smith 7, Buckley 7, Waddington 6.

Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Walsh 26)

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Banks 19)

Att: 9,371

Charlton: ★JOHNS 8, Naylor 7, Warman 6, Shaw 7, Berry 6, Hazell 7, Powell 7, Walsh 7, Hales 7, Walker 6, Robinson 7.

Barnley: Pierce 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Evans 6, Parker 7, Aylott 7, ★MCMALE 8, Barrowclough 7.

Referee: C. W. Lloyd (Worcs.)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

PROGRAMME GUIDE

WATFORD

WATFORD may be Second Division in terms of football but their behind-the-scenes set-up is definitely top flight.

Since Graham Taylor took over as manager they've had a reputation as a go-ahead club and this is certainly reflected in their match-day programme.

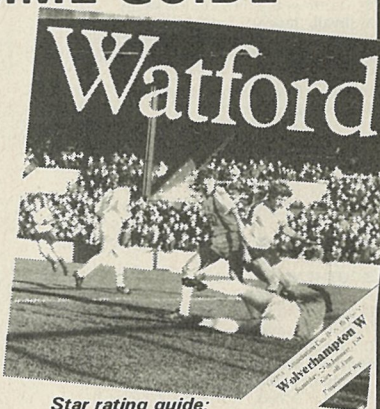
For 30p they produce — without the help of any supplement — 24 bright, picture-packed pages to entertain their fans before kick-off.

We looked at the programme for the FA Cup clash against Wolves and found it good value for money.

For a club with limited resources it's obvious that great effort has gone into the production of the magazine.

If it's action pictures you like then you'll be pleased with the programme. There were plenty of shots from recent Watford games, plus a colour photo on the front.

As well as the manager's column there was a feature on new signing Pat Rice plus plenty of behind-the-scenes news. Plenty of advertising, too, helping to offset printing costs.



Star rating guide:

★★★★★ Superb;

★★★★ Good;

★★★ Satisfactory;

★★ Poor;

★ Terrible.

How the Watford programme

fared:

Content: ★★★★★;

Pictures: ★★★★★;

Information: ★★★★★;

Entertainment: ★★★★★;

Colour: ★★★★★;

Value for money: ★★★★★.

Match FACTS

ALL THE LATEST MATCH DETAILS

Match FACTS

CHESTER (1) 1 (Rollings, og 19)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 1,810
Chester: Millington 6, Jeffries 5 (sub. Zelan), Burns 5, Storton 6, Cottam 6, Oakes 5, Sutcliffe 7, ★**JONES** 8, Fear 7, Phillips 6, Ludlam 6.
Swindon: Allan 5, Henry 5, Peach 6, Kamara 7 (sub. Cockerill), Rollings 4, Stroud 5, Miller 6, Hughes 6, ★**ROWLAND** 8, Greenwood 6, Williams 7.
Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Rollings (Swindon)

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Salmons 9, Simpson 55, Birch 66)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 6,985
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stirk 7, O'Neill 6, ★**WILSON** 9, Green 6, Ridley 6, Birch 8, Simpson 7, Salmons 7, Bonnyman 7, Walker 6.
Plymouth: Mellor 5, McLaughlin 6, Viney 6 (sub. Ellis 5), Doyle 5, Aizlewood 6, Garner 4, Hemmerman 5, ★**BARNARD** 7, Rafferty 6, Bryant 5, Rogers 6.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Packer 45)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Robins 38, Lillis 67)
Att: 3,644
Colchester: ★**WALKER** 8, Cook 6, Colman 6, Leslie 5, Wignall 6, Packer 7, Osborne 6, Foley 6, Bremner 6, McDonough 5, Allinson 5.
Huddersfield: Freeman 7, Brown 6, Purdie 6, ★**STANTON** 9, Sutton 6, Hanvey 7, Lillis 6, Kennedy 7, Austin 6, Robins 8, Cowling 6.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (White 41, 51, Price 76)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Ashurst 37)
Att: 3,424
Gillingham: Sutton 6, Walker 6, Ford 7, Bruce 7, Weatherly 7, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 6, Duncan 7, Price 7, Lee 6, ★**WHITE** 8.
Blackpool: Hesford 7, ★**PASHLEY** 8, Williams 6, Noble 7, Sbragia 6, Ashurst 7, McEwan 6, Brockbank 7, Harrison 6, Morris 6, Hockaday 7 (sub. Entwistle).
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Tynan 40)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Crown 52)
Att: 5,224
Newport: Plumley 7, Walden 7, Relish 6, Davies 7, Oakes 7, ★**TYNAN** 8, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, Gwyther 6, Elsey 6, Moore 7.
Brentford: McKellar 7, Tucker 6, Hill 7, McNichol 6, Kruse 7, Hurlock 7, Shrubbs 6, Frost 7 (sub. Roberts), Johnson 7, Harris 7, ★**CROWN** 8.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (1) 1 (Cooke 33)
HULL (0) 1 (Roberts, D 82)
Att: 2,934
Oxford: Burton 5, Doyle 6, Fogg 7, Jeffrey 6, Briggs 6, ★**COOKE** 8, Jones 5, Foley 6, Berry 5, Brock 6, Smithers 6.
Hull: Norman 6, Hoolickin 6, Booth 7, Richards 6, ★**ROBERTS**, G 8, Roberts, D 6, Marwood 6, McClaren 5 (sub. Ferguson), Edwards 5, Mutrie 6, Deacy 6.
Referee: A. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH v SHEFFIELD UNITED —
Match Postponed

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Robinson 3, Garwood 21)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen 49)
Att: 2,252
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Wooler 6, ★**BRILEY** 8, Youliden 6, Jopling 6, Lucas 6, Scott 6, Sanford 6, Robinson 7, Garwood 6.
Hartlepool: Richardson 6, Linacre 6, Sweeney 6, Harding 7, Bird 6, Brown 6, Kerr 6, Fagan 6, Newton 7, ★**HOUCHEEN** 8, Johnson 6.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 1 (Johnson 59)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Syrett 29)
Att: 2,522
Bury: ★**SOUTHALL** 8, Howard 7, Bradley 6, Whitehead 7, Kennedy 7, Mullen 6, Gore 6, Jakub 5, Butler 5, Johnson 6, Tully 5 (sub. Cruickshank 5).
Peterborough: Waugh 7, Winters 6, Slack 7, Smith 6, Robson 7, Quow 6, Hodgson 6, Gynn 6, Syrett 5, Kellock 6, ★**COOKE** 8.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 1 (Palios 79)
BRADFORD (0) 0
Att: 2,487
Crewe: Mulhearn 7, McMahon 7, Lewis 7, Hunter 6, Scott 6, ★**PROPHETT** 8, Nelson 5, Davies 7, Chesters 6, Palios 7, Bowers 7.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 6, Wood 6, Ingham 6, ★**JACKSON** 8, Thompson 7, Chapman 7, Staniforth 6 (sub. Black), Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Gallagher 6.
Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Graham 31, 86)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Fell 84)
Att: 2,008
Halifax: Kilner 7, Ward 8, Burton 7, Harris 7, Ayre 7, Hendrie 8, Firth 7, ★**GRAHAM** 9, Chambers 6, Nattress 6, McLlwraith 6.
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Jones 6, Pethard 6, ★**COFFILL** 8, Hayes 7, Twitchin 7, Fell 7, Lawrence 6 (sub. Cox 7), Bowker 6, Sermani 7, Weston 7.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Cunningham 9)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Nimmo 89)
Att: 8,832
Lincoln: ★**FELGATE** 8, Thompson 5, Keeley 6 (sub. Bell 6), Hughes 6, Peake 7, Carr 6, Neale 5, Turner 5, Hobson 7, Cunningham 6, Shipley 5.
Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 7, Lally 6 (sub. Dawson 7), Snodin, I 7, Saunders 7, Harle 7, Pugh 6, Nimmo 7, ★**WABOYS** 8, Snodin, G 7, Little 7.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (0) 0
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Gray 3)
Att: 4,379
Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannett 5, Wood 6, Hamilton 5, McClelland 5, Bird 6, Allen 5, ★**MANN** 8, Pollard 5, Parkinson 6, Thomson 5.
Southend: Cawston 6, Walker 5, Yates 6, Hadley 6, ★**CUSACK** 8, Moody 6, Gray 6, Pountney 5, Spence 7, Mercer 5, Otulakowski 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Bennett 29, Chamberlain, M 52)
YORK (0) 0
Att: 2,319
Port Vale: Lloyd 7, Brissett 6, Bromage 6, Beech 6, Bowles 6, Sproson 6, Miller 6, Armstrong 7, Chamberlain, N 6, ★**CHAMBERLAIN**, M 8, Bennett 7.
York: Blackburn 6, Hood 4, Walsh 6, Faulkner 7, Clement 6, Craig 6, Ford 6, Byrne 6, Eccles 6, ★**MCDONALD** 8, Richards 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 0
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Taylor 65)
Att: 6,029
Wigan: Ward 6, Curtis 6, McAdam 7, Cribley 6, ★**METHVEN** 8, Lloyd 5, Wignall 6, Quinn, T 6, Quinn, M 5 (sub. Fretwell), Houghton 7, Wright 5.
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Jones 7, Cliff 6, Esser 6, Burke 7, Taylor 7, Wann 7, O'Loughlin 6, Seal 7, Wellings 6, ★**MARTINEZ** 8.
Referee: D. Farley (Newton Aycliffe)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Leslie 56, Hodges 82)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Evans 65)
Att: 2,394
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Jones 7, Armstrong 7, Galliers 7, Smith 7, Cunningham 6, ★**KETTERIDGE** 8, Hodges 7, Leslie 7, Cork 5 (sub. Hubbick), Downs 5.

Tranmere: Johnson 5, Mathias 6, Edwards 6, Bramhall 7, Parry 6, Evans 7, Powell 7, Hamilton 7, ★**KELLY** 8, Kerr 7, Griffiths 7.
Referee: A. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish FA Cup, Quarter Finals

DUNDEE UNITED (4) 6 (Dodds 10, 11, 17, Sturrock 15, Kirkwood 59, Narey 62)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Soutar 31),
Att: 10,236
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 6, Kopel 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Phillip 6 (sub. Pettigrew), Kirkwood 7, Bannion 7.
★**DODDS** 8, Milne 6 (sub. Payne 6), Sturrock 7.
Motherwell: Sproat 6, Wark 7, McLeod 6, McLelland 6, Smith 7, McLoughlin 6, Forbes 6, ★**SOUTAR** 8, Clelland 5 (sub. Carson), Irvine 6, Gahagan 6.
Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (2) 3 (Russell 25, McAdam 30, MacDonald 52)
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (McNamara 32)
Att: 25,690
Rangers: McCloy 7, Miller 6, Dawson 7, Jardine 6, Jackson 6, Bett 7, Russell 7, Redford 7, McAdam 6, MacDonald 7, ★**JOHNSTONE** 8 (sub. Cooper).
Hibernian: ★**MCCARTHUR** 8, Brown 7, Sneddon 6, Paterson 6, McLaren 6, Hamill 6 (sub. Brown, J 6), McNamara 7, Rae 6, Jamieson 5 (sub. Rodier 6), Duncan 7, Connolly 7.
Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON v CLYDEBANK — *Match Postponed*

Premier Division

AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Flood 22, Cambell, og 55)
PARTICK (0) 0
Att: 3,000
Airdrie: Gardiner 6, Erwin 6, Rodger 7, McClusky 7, March 7, Walker 6, Anderson, N 7, Gordon 6, Flood 6 (sub. Thompson), Russell 7 (sub. McClymont 6), ★**CLARK** 8.
Partick: Rough 6, McKinnon 6 (sub. Welsh 6), Whittaker 7, Campbell 6, ★**ANDERSON** 8, McDonald 7, Watson 6, O'Hara 6, Higgins 7, Clark 6, Sweeney 6 (sub. Lapsley 5).
Referee: D. Ramsay (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (McCall 39, Hamilton, og 42, Jarvie 32, Angus 65)
HEARTS (0) 1 (Hamill 69)
Att: 11,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Angus 6, Hamilton 7 (sub. Rougiev 6), McLeish 7, Miller 7, Simpson 6, McCall 7 (sub. Hewitt), ★**McGHEE** 8, Jarvie 7, Scanlon 6.
Hearts: Brough 6, Hamilton 7, Shields 6, More 6, Liddell, F 6, Hamill 7, Mackay 6 (sub. Bowman 7), Gibson 6, McShane 7 (sub. O'Brien 6), ★**LIDDELL**, G 8, Kidd 6.
Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Rutherglen)
Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (1) 1 (McDougall 9)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Bourke 89)
Att: 4,203
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Beckett 6, Fulton 6, Copland 7, McCormack 7, Richardson 6, ★**STARK** 8, Abercrombie 7, McDougall 6, Somner 6 (sub. Logan 6), Weir 7.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, McLean 6 (sub. Maxwell 7), Armstrong 6, Clarke, P 7, Cockburn 6, Clark, J 6 (sub. McDicken 7), Bryce 6, ★**MAUCHLEN** 8, McBride 7, Bourke 7, Hughes 6.
Referee: T. Brogan (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AYR (0) 2 (McAllister 69, Frye 72)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton 27)
Att: 1,697

HAMILTON (0) 0
RAITH (1) 2 (Forsyth 6, Miller 54)
Att: 1,000

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan 9, 66)
FALKIRK (1) 1 (Smith 3)
Att: 2,325

Second Division

ARBROATH (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att: 993

CLYDE (2) 3 (Dempster 17, Masterton 35, Ahern, pen 47)
FORFAR (0) 1 (Faringham 58)
Att: 430

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 2 (Coughlin 2, Robertson 74)
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Halley 40)
Att: 1,200

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Harvey 16)
QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (Nicholson 5)
Att: 400

MATCH WINNERS

WINNERS of a super Ferguson stereo set in our Spot the Difference competition No. 38 (Feb 28th issue) is: James Denslow of Ford Street, Wellington, Somerset.

The 30 runners-up, who each receive an embroidered Match Weekly sew-on badge, are: Ian Hampson, Runcorn, Cheshire; Andrew Cropper, Scunthorpe, S. Thorne, Verwood, Dorset; Mr. G. Inker, Rumney, Cardiff; Mary O'Rourke, Drumchapel, Glasgow; Michael Jones, Welshpool, Powys; John Watt, Acomb, York; Kevin Carter, Handsworth, Birmingham; Graham Lamb, Whitefield, Manchester; Michael Keleher, Blackburn, Leys, Oxford; Mandy Leach, Bicester, Essex; Trevor Morgan, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex; Adrian Taun, Wisbech, Cambs; Ricky Collings, Mirfield, W. Yorks; Gordon Hutchison, Normanton, Derby; Eddie Payne, Welwyn Garden City, Herts; Gary Coe, Ellerton, York; Glyn Chapman, High Green, Sheffield; John Berry, Staines, Middx; Mark Price, Boughton, Nr. Faversham, Kent; Jonathan Markham, Grimsby, South Humberside; Jane Williams, Winchester, Hants; Paul Mason, Cable Street, London, E1 8HS; Wayne Evans, North Woolwich, London, E16 2NL; Anton Poll, Anstey, Leicester; Andrew Berman, London, N3; Miss E. Cross, Fringford, Nr. Bicester, Oxon; M. P. Jordan, Sittingbourne, Kent; Steven Wotton, Ashburton, S. Devon; Paul Keeble, Barton Seagrave, Kettering.

SOLUTIONS to Spot the Difference No. 38: 1. Extra cup on shelf; 2. Another peg hole on easel leg; 3. Player now has moustache; 4. Picture missing from wall; 5. Coach's stick is shorter; 6. Cobweb missing from ceiling; 7. Coach's trousers now white; 8. No nail to hold picture frame; 9. Chair now white; 10. Strip light on ceiling.

FIVE lucky readers each receive an England team poster autographed by Paul Mariner for their successful entries in our Crossword competition No. 59 (Feb. 28th issue). They are: Mathew Glazier, Selby, North Yorkshire; Chris Staples, Leatherhead, Surrey; James Collins, Ashcott-under-Wychwood, Oxford; Adrian Newton, Gedling, Notts; Andrew Titley, Tredegar, Gwent.

SOLUTIONS to Crossword No. 59:
ACROSS: 1. Spence; 4. Shot; 9. Oldham Athletic; 10. Bell; 11. Neil; 12. Star; 14. Crooks; 17. Cripps; 18. King; 20. Peru; 21. Todd; 25. Goal difference; 26. Noel; 27. See 23 Down.
DOWN: 1. Spot; 2. Eddie; 3. Charlton; 5. Hutt; 6. Tucker; 7. Barnes; 8. Chris; 13. Tap; 15. Ron; 16. Victoria; 17. Cruyff; 19 and 18. Kevin Keegan; 22. Denis; 23 and 27 Across. Dave Watson; 24. Dean.

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And I'm going for Grimsby to steal a march on their promotion rivals Notts County to bring the 'impossible' dream that bit closer to reality (see Grimsby feature earlier in this issue).

Last, but not least, I'm forecasting an all to rare day of

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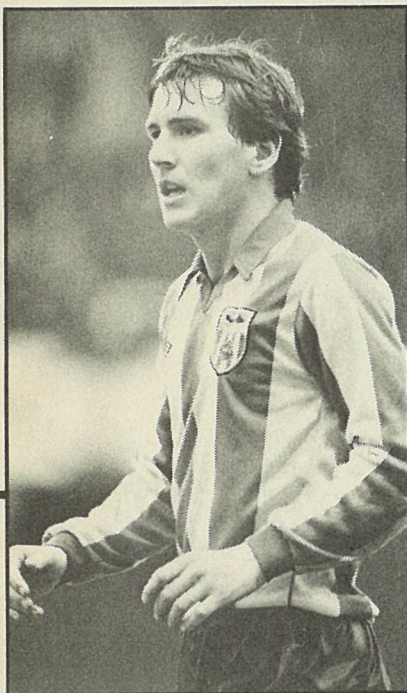
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Left: Sunderland's Gary Rowell — his goal was enough to beat Crystal Palace at Roker Park earlier this season, but the London side might just get their revenge on Saturday.

Saturday,
March 14

| Match | My forecast | Your forecast | Dad's forecast | RESULT |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| Liverpool v West Ham | 3-1 | | | |
| Aston Villa v Man. Utd. | 2-0 | | | |
| C. Palace v Sund'land | 2-1 | | | |
| Stoke v Soton | 1-1 | | | |
| Grimsby v Notts. Co. | 1-0 | | | |
| Luton v Bristol C. | 3-0 | | | |
| Barnsley v Colchester | 2-0 | | | |
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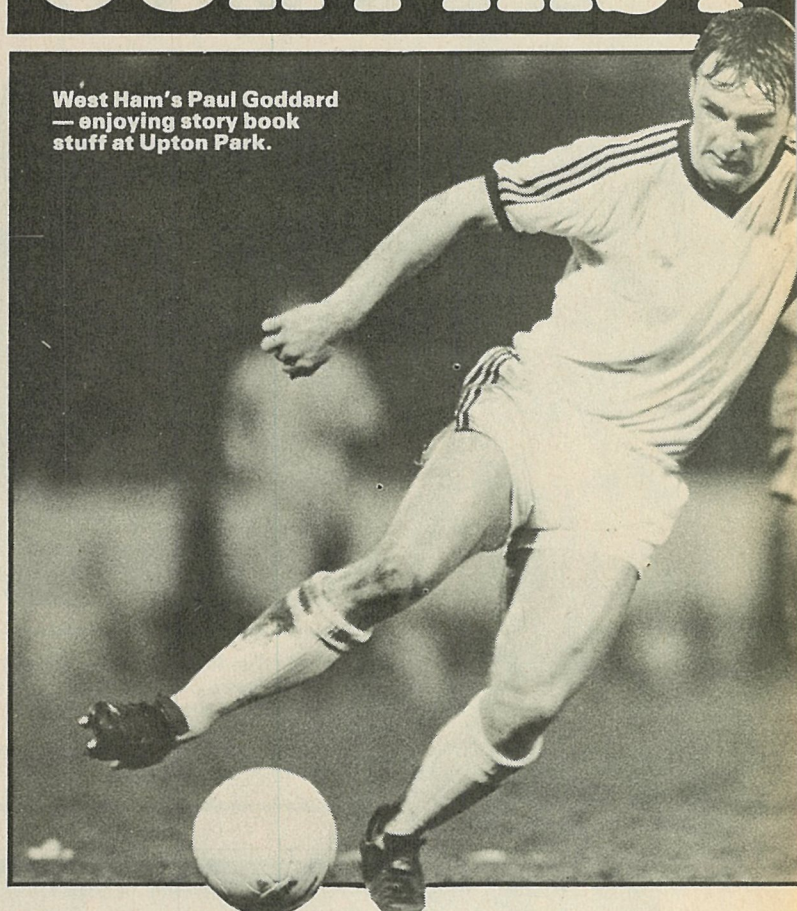
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by Paul Goddard (West Ham)

ON THE eve of his first big Wembley final, young striker Paul Goddard looked back on the season so far and declared: "It's been story book stuff — I couldn't have written it any better."

"When I joined the 'Hammers' I was confident I was joining a successful club, but I never dreamt we'd be in the position we are now."

Paul's £800,000 move from Queen's Park Rangers last August could hardly have worked out better.

He has struck up a fine understanding with David Cross and now finds himself bidding to help the 'Hammers' land a magnificent treble in the shape of the League Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and Second Division Championship.

"I'm excited and proud to be going to Wembley on Saturday."

"Players can go through their whole career without ever playing in a Final so at 21 I have to regard it as a bonus."

"It's going to be a new experience for me. I shall be nervous, but a few nerves have always helped my game in the past."

In fact, it will be Paul's second

Wembley appearance.

"The first time, I was a QPR apprentice and played Arsenal in a six-a-side final before the 1977 Liverpool v Man Utd Charity Shield.

"We lost on penalties and I was one of those who missed from the spot. I remember that's all I could think about as I watched the Shield match afterwards."

"It will be great to go back as the main attraction this time."

As for Saturday's match with Liverpool, Paul says:

"People have been saying Liverpool have cracked up. Maybe they have gone through a bit of a sticky patch — by their standards — but what a team."

"I have tremendous admiration for Kenny Dalglish. His game is almost complete and it's true to say I've tried partly to model myself on him."

"You could go on and on. I hope we don't have a team talk about their players because we'll be left wondering how the heck we can win!"

WEMBLEY

League
Cup
Final

by Sammy Lee (Liverpool)

TWICE Liverpool's new discovery Sammy Lee has sat on the substitute's bench at Wembley and watched his team-mates take all the glory.

He spectated as 'The Reds' dismantled Arsenal 3-1 in the 1979 Charity Shield Final and again a year later when they overcame West Ham 1-0.

But on Saturday the 21-year-old, who has taken over from Jimmy Case in Liverpool's midfield, could finally end his wait and accomplish his dream of playing at Wembley.

"It was frustrating sitting, watching the team, but on both occasions Liverpool were playing so well that there wasn't much chance of me getting on the pitch.

"Both times I stepped on the famous turf. It was a great feeling and the atmosphere was tremendous — I'd love to sample it as a player."

But Sammy is modest about his chances of playing in Saturday's match against FA Cup holders West Ham.

"I'm not counting my chickens. I haven't been playing well recently and my place is no way assured.

"I've still a great deal to learn in the game, but I know I can play better than I have done in the last few games," said Sammy.

The dress rehearsal for the League Cup — this season's Charity Shield meeting — was a dour affair which Liverpool won 1-0.

Saturday's game will be different says Sammy: "In the Shield match we were just getting fit, but now we're both in full swing.

"Liverpool and West Ham like to attack and I'm looking forward to an entertaining final."

"In the Charity Shield our midfield over-ran them, but we couldn't turn the chances into goals — I just hope it's a different story this time!"

"I hope we don't have a team talk on Liverpool because we'll be left wondering how the heck we can win" — West Ham striker Paul Goddard.

"The atmosphere at Wembley is tremendous and I'd love to sample it as a player on Saturday" — Liverpool's Sammy Lee



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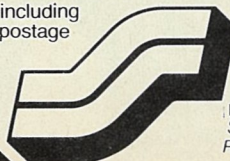
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ALAN KENNEDY



Alan Kennedy as the Liverpool fans hope to see him on Saturday — in action against West Ham. Here he tackles Alan Devonshire during this season's Charity Shield game at Wembley.

Below: After a hard training session Alan enjoys going home for a cuppa and relaxing with his favourite reading — Match Weekly of course!



Above: Anfield, one of the most famous grounds in the world. Alan poses on the bonnet of his car outside his other home.

Although moving into a new home shortly Alan still lives in digs in Rainford. Here he's seen playing a computer game with his landlady's daughter, Allison (5).

